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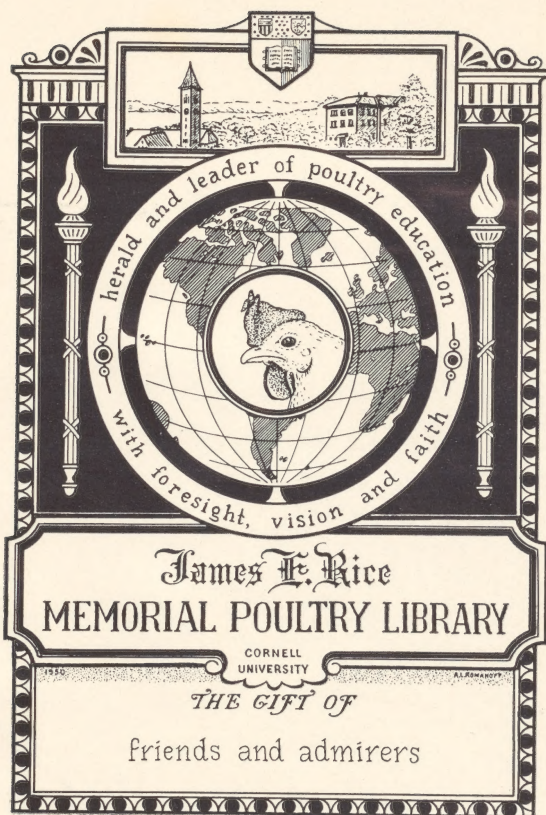
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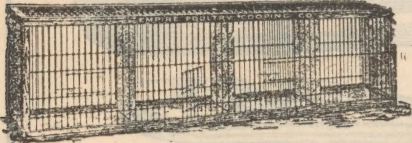
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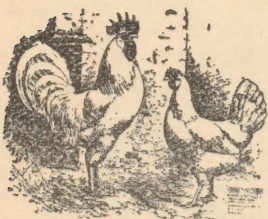
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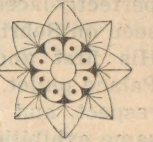
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SEBRIGHT BANTAMS

From The Feathered World—By R. Wiseman Cunningham, M. D.



In writing the following notes upon the Sebright, I tender my thanks to previous writers on the variety, to whom Sebright breeders owe so much for the valuable instruction that they have given. I feel, however, that mere writing will never satisfy those who are eager to receive accurate information, and for this reason I attach great importance to the photographic illustrations accompany my article as showing what cannot be conveyed to the mind by mere words. The photographs, of course, are taken from living birds.

Gold and silver Sebrights are undoubtedly the most beautiful and fascinating of all the Bantam tribe. The contrast in the color of well-marked birds is most attractive, and often must we marvel at the genius and artistic tastes of the man who conceived and succeeded in perfecting such an ideal. If all that is written about the Sebright is true, Sir John Sebright's Bantams were much nearer perfection than are those of the present day. This I cannot believe, for I doubt very much if the fancier of a hundred years ago were as particular in their examination and criticism of Sebrights as we now are.

The Sebright is supposed to be the outcome of various crosses and blendings of various breeds. Gold and silver Polands, Nankin and Rosecomb Bantams have all had something to do with their production. My own opinion is that gold and silver Polands and Nankin Bantams alone would produce the original Sebrights, and that Black and White Rosecombs were used afterwards to try and improve the coloring and reduce the size. Inbreeding would improve and stamp the variety as a new breed to be relied upon to reproduce its like.

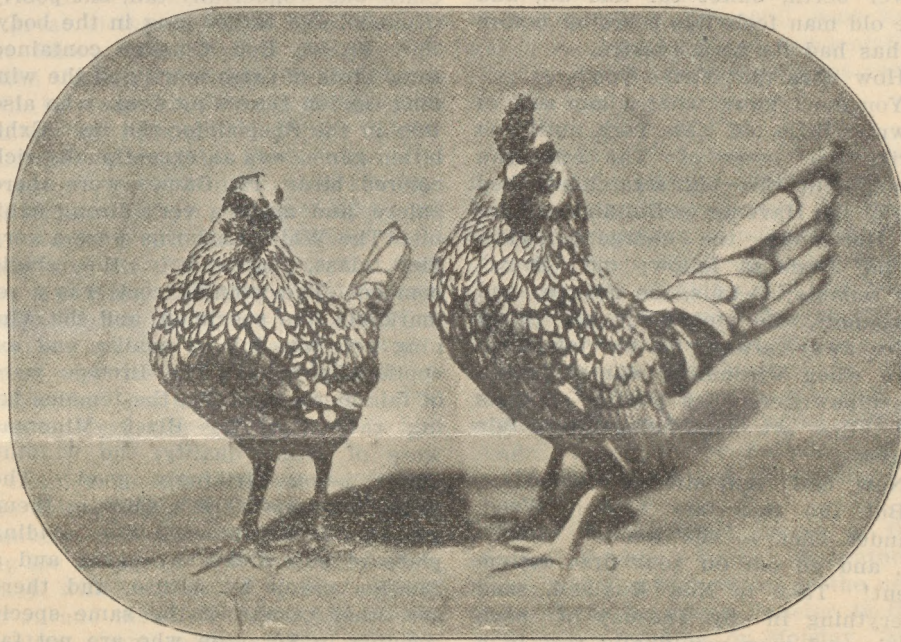
At the present day there are some strains of Sebrights that approach in likeness the Golden Polands very closely, with neck and saddle hackle and a tail well furnished with long sickles; and there are only too many with white in ear-lobes and black under tails, showing the black rosecomb cross. Any cross-breeding nowadays would ruin the breed. Change of blood is easy to obtain when necessary, as there are many strains, some of them having quite their own characteristic features.

I think that for purity of ground color the Scotch Sebright cannot be beaten, and it is very rare to see the northern birds showing creaminess of color in any part of the feathering in silvers. I also consider that the many specimens of Scotch golds that I have seen are far more correct and even in

coloring than the English birds. Mr. Balmer, of Greenlaw, in Berwickshire, sent me a team of birds to look at before issuing this article in the F. W., and the ground color of all was most perfect, and these were not selected specimens, as he did not know for what purpose I desired the birds to be sent.

of the lacing in the golds, but all silvers that are the outcome of such a cross should be destroyed. A sappy yellow coloring in the feathering of quickly-moulted silvers is of quite a different shade, more lemon-yellow, and this must be allowed for in judging.

In the golds the color is a rich



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I consider that the Scotch judges encourage very finely-laced Sebrights far too keenly, not attaching sufficient importance to the density of black, although I admit a very finely-laced bird ought certainly to be encouraged if it has quality everywhere else—a most difficult point to attain. I have often been told by Mr. J. C. Preston, that "King of Sebright breeders," that color is the first point to consider in judging, and I quote his words:—"A Sebright is a bird of feather properties, of which color is of the first importance. All other properties must be considered as secondary."

Color.—In the silver Sebright the ground color of all the feathers proper, from the top of the head to the tail, must be of the purest silvery-white, not transparent white which shows the lacing of underlying feathers as dark lines through, but a thick, dense white.

In silvers it is common to see a creamy coloring in the secondaries and tail feathers which is to be condemned as showing a trace of gold blood in the strain. Crossing golds and silvers is sometimes resorted to in the attempt to improve the quality

golden-bay ground of exactly the same shade throughout the entire feathering. The common faults in the ground color of the golds are:—(a) Too pale in color, a sort of creamy-bay shade, or the opposite extreme, in which the color may be quite dark chestnut or brick-red. (b) Patchiness—i. e., some feathers pale golden-yellow, scattered here and there amongst feathers of the correct color, entirely destroying the general appearance of the bird, as dirty marks spoil new clothes. (c) Variation in shade of the feathers or different parts of the body, and this quite ruins the general appearance of the bird, however good the lacing may be. (d) Last, but not least, the ground color of each feather may vary in shade. This is a very common failing. Thus, from the multiplicity of failings in only this one property, and that the most important one—the ground color—we see that a gold Sebright is a much more difficult bird to breed to perfection than a silver of the same species. Ground color is the only property in which gold and silver Sebrights differ.

Lacing.—Every feather proper should be surrounded by an edging of

the most dense, shiny green-black, and this edge, or lacing, as it is called, must be very sharply defined. The finer the lacing the more beautiful is the effect, but it must be of the correct color, and perfectly even.

Very finely-laced Sebrights, at the present day, are nearly all brown-black or mossy in lacing—a most undesirable fault, and one which is next to impossible to stamp out of a strain. It is a matter of regret that many judges will have these excessively fine-laced birds without taking into consideration the quality of the lacing, and so, many Sebrights of quite the wrong type in color properties are winning, and will win, until all Sebright breeders are of the same mind.

The fluff about the roots of the feathers, the fluffy feathers covering the abdomen and thighs, should be greyish-black or grizzled, the darker the better, the soundest laced birds having the most black in the downy feathers—a good thing to remember from a breeder's point of view. Common defects in lacing, etc., are:—A white cap, with a white bib round the throat, is frequently seen in the best show birds, and gives rather an appearance of wearing a white night-cap with the strings tied around the throat. This fault is most reproductive, and therefore is one to be avoided, unless it exists only to a small degree, either in the show pen or in the breeding stock. White cap and bib exists in a very large number of very finely-laced Sebrights, and is an argument in favor of moderation in the width of the lacing. The shoulders or wing-butts often show a similar failing, the small feathers covering them often being almost devoid of lacing, and this frequently occurs in the white-throated specimens just described. Defective wing-butts and white throat very much reduce the chances of winning in good competition.

Lacing all round the secondaries comes next in importance, as any failure in the lacing of these feathers quite spoils the general appearance of a Sebright, and detracts considerably from its value as a breeding bird. It is in the lacing of the secondaries that the gold falls so far short of the silver Sebright, but they are rapidly improving in the hands of careful breeders, such as Messrs. Sergeantson, Balmer, Heywood, Airey, and others who have stuck to the task of improving their favorite under most discouraging circumstances—viz., that there is no classification for golds, except at a few of the larger shows.

Now we arrive at the tail feathers, which, next to the foregoing, most fre-

quently fail either partially or entirely in lacing. Some years ago we were quite content if we possessed a Sebright with a pure white or gold tail only tipped with black, so long as the ground color was perfectly clear. It is no longer so. We must now have a Sebright—at any rate, in the first year—with every feather of the tail well laced. To Mr. J. C. Preston we must give all credit for producing the most perfectly-laced tails that have been seen on Sebrights for many years past. His first and challenge cup Crystal Palace pullet, 1904, was perfect in this respect, and his first cockerel at the same exhibition was equally good. All Sebright breeders owe a debt of gratitude to Mr. Preston, not only for his skill in breeding Sebrights, but also for the sportsmanlike way in which he supports the Fancy, and parts with his best productions, which go to improve the quality of the Sebrights in all parts of the kingdom; and yet, notwithstanding this, Mr. Preston remains, and I hope long will remain, with us as our most dangerous rival. He does not, like so many fanciers in other varieties of Bantams, send a large team of birds to monopolize all the available prizes at a show, but sends one or two of his best, giving other men every opportunity to be in the money, even if they do not come out top. I do not wish it to be understood that other strains besides Mr. Preston's do not possess tail lacing—that would be quite wrong—but there is no other strain of Sebrights within my knowledge that has this property developed to such perfection.

Grizzling and spashing with black in the ground color of the tail is a great fault, and most difficult to eradicate. This is present in quite 60 per cent. of Sebrights, more so in golds than in silvers, and is always a good point to investigate when it is difficult to settle the winner between two birds equal in other respects. It is a failing which is evident to any novice, and cannot be argued away.

Feather lacing may still be defective in many other respects, such as:—(1) Crescent-shaped lacing—that is, lacing which is wide at the tips of the feathers, often disappearing altogether as the insertion of the feather is reached; this is an approach towards spangling. (2) Broken lacing—splashing of the ground color reaching to the very edge of the feather, giving it a broken appearance. (3) uneven lacing may present itself in yet another manner—i. e., when the lacing on one part differs in thickness from the lacing on another part—e. g., breast lacing fine, wing lacing heavy. (4) Double lacing, frequently seen in the breast feathers, and consists of an edging of white outside the black markings; this is an unsightly fault, and most difficult to eradicate by breeding. (5) The lacing may also be dense enough towards its inner margin, but show a smokiness round the very edge of the feathers. This is also a bad fault, but not so serious from a breeder's point of view as double lacing.

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A Strenuous Sawdust Story.

Frederick Morgan Davenport, Professor of Political Science at Hamilton College, at Clinton, New York, made a speech before the American Newspaper Publishers' Association, in this city, on the evening of Washington's Birthday.

After speaking of the newspaper as an organ of democracy, fraternity, and equality, Prof. Davenport concluded with this parable:

"Once there was a country newspaper man who mixed sawdust with the meal he fed his hens. He thought they would never know the difference. But they got even. When he came to set the eggs, half the brood hatched were woodpeckers. Whatsoever a newspaper soweth, that shall it also reap."

THE SCRANTON SHOW.

Successful Show Described by A. F. Pierce.

The Scranton show was a hummer. The average quality of the entire show was a whole block ahead of anything that I have ever had the pleasure of seeing at a first-class show. The entire management from the President down to the colored electrician at the door was "Johnny on the spot," and they thoroughly deserve the success they met with. The receipts after the first night was all velvet. The show was ably penned by Spratts. The only draw-back was the lack of size of the hall and poor light. The birds were penned three tiers high, and the judging had mainly to be done by artificial light. The boys are planning to hold the event at the Armory next year, the structure having the third largest floor space in the country.

The Exhibition Game Class was the largest we have handled this winter. The Black Red Class was good, the winners being nice colored typical shaped birds. The Second Cockerel Class was wonderfully tall, but poorly trimmed, and rather long in the body. The Brown Red Classes contained some birds of extra merit and the winning Golden Duckwing Cock, who also won in the Special for the best Exhibition game, was an exceptionally rich colored bird. Pit Games were there galore, and made a very strong exhibit. The White Leghorns were a very nice class, particularly the single combed. The winning cock was a remarkably fine specimen, and the winning pen was full of quality and exceptionally even. The Browns were of fair merit in males, the females being rather weak. Black Minorcas were of grand quality, the winning pullet being strikingly good. The Game Bantams were a show in themselves, as Scranton is the abiding place of one Ricker by name, and a Bantam crank by nature, and there are other cranks of the same specie residing in Scranton who are not far behind. The Black Red Class was, as usual, the strongest and the winning cock, hen, cockerel and pullet were all gems of the first water, the hen being the choicest of the lot. The winning Pyle Cockerel was a very tall, stylish, hard-feathered youngster, but a bit pale in color. The winning Duckwing Cockerel was as hard as nails, with nice style and reach, the color being a trifle severe. There were a lot of other good, grand birds in the different classes, but as these notes are from memory, we cannot particularize. In Ornamental Birds the Cochins were the strongest classes. The male birds were mostly of correct shade of buff, the females being exceptionally nice, an even colored bunch throughout. The pick of the entire Cochin Alley was the winning black hen. There were a few good Sebrights in gold and silver. The Buff Orpington Class was truly great, and many a good bird had to go without a ribbon. The winning cock was a particularly typical rich colored bird. The winning cockerel, hen and pullet were also magnificent. The winning pen was a very rich, even colored lot. Blacks were not a very large class, but the winning cock was simply a dream, and won the Challenge Cup for the best bird in the show.

A. F. PIERCE.

ARTIFICIAL INCUBATION.

In natural incubation examinations have show that the daily evaporation of water is on an average 0.8 per cent. of the initial weight of the eggs. With incubators the evaporation of water is either greater or less, the explanation of this being that one cannot realize to perfection the natural conditions and because the phenomena of evaporation are intimately connected with ventilation and the hygrometric state of the chamber in which the machine is placed, and to the thickness of the shell, etc. These evaporations are most harmful to the regular development of the chickens when they exceed the natural limits before indicated. One has tried to remedy this by affixing to the incubator a hygrometer which registers the state of the humidity of the atmosphere enveloping the eggs. The results were not satisfactory, and it appears that the best means of testing the state of the atmosphere is to periodically weigh the eggs. This plan is simple, easy, and practical, and within the reach of all. It is not necessary to have the weights absolutely exact, discrepancies of several grammes being of no importance. For convenience the eggs are placed in small wooden cases, exactly weighed in advance. If the diminution of the weight is very slight, it shows that the evaporation is not normal; it is sufficient then to augment the ventilation to make a little less humidity in the machine, in order to put matters right. If, on the other hand, the loss of weight is too great, one reduces the ventilation, and thus augments the evaporation. A point of great importance is to avoid the excessive evaporation of eggs during the last days of incubation. It is not necessary that the deposition of the artificial hatcher may be such that some eggs endure a greater evaporation than others; the result would be a compromise. One obviates this, more over, in practice by changing the place of the eggs in consequence of the varying temperature at the entrance of the incubator. With the aid of these purely scientific hints one ought to be able to conduct an incubator with much more security than formerly; and everything goes to show that the experiences of Zuntz render real services to the practical breeding of poultry. It is necessary to call attention to taking note of the weight of the clear eggs, if one withdraws them, as is the custom, at the end of the first week, this elimination modifying the weights.

Docile Ducks of the Chinese.

In China the duck is much esteemed as an article of diet, and what may be called duck farms are common on most of the rivers. The birds are taught to hunt for their food, and the rearing of the costs little. They are kept in boats with a platform, or deck, extending outward on each side. These boats are taken to the shallow, marshy parts by the banks of the streams, and the ducks are then driven ashore to enjoy themselves in the mud flats. So well are the birds trained that at a given signal they cease eating and follow their leader back into the boat, where they lie during the night. Ducks preserved by being salted are a favorite food with the well-to-do.



That new eagle on the title page is a pretty vigorous looking bird. Blame it on Mr. Gill of the Gill Engraving Company, New York. The new title head is the work of the latter fine concern. Nuff ced.

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Now, see here, brother and sister fanciers, let's get to work and try to have a live weekly poultry paper. Send in news and, better yet, subscriptions. Get everybody interested and let us have a real old fashioned weekly chat every issue. In England there are no monthly poultry papers—they are all weeklies. In this country all are monthlies. I except one semi-monthly and The American Fancier, which has, barring some months of incubation, always been a weekly. It will always be such in the future. The price is one dollar a year—less than two cents a week. Of course, no silver spoons, fountain pens or Alaska diamonds go with this dollar offering. Publishers, editors and printers, unlike actors, are compelled to eat.

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We want live agents everywhere. Good men can make good money. Write for terms.

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The picture of that White Wyandotte on the title page reminds us of a visit to Rock Hill Poultry Yards last week. We saw the bird at New York and the illustration is a good one. We saw him again at the above-mentioned place and there is no doubt of his quality. As Deacon Sparks would say, "He is all to the mustard."

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We arrived at Ossining, N. Y., one grey and dismal morning and found Mr. Robert T. Dennis awaiting us. After several minutes of expectation, Mr. Harry M. Carpenter drove up with a Kentucky thoroughbred and a one and a half seater of a carriage and drove the party to Rock Hill Poultry Farm.

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Rock Hill Poultry Farm is well named. It is built on rocks. But it has acres of ground where grass and pasture abounds, and a lake where ducks can poach their eggs. General McAlpin, the famous light in the tobacco interest of the United States, the man that fought the trust, started this plant, and with a lavish hand, expended thousands of dollars to make it the home of thousands of the finest chickens on the continent. He secured that young and hustling fancier Mr. F. W. Corey, to manage it, and he did well in doing so. We have known Mr. Corey for some time and his judgment on birds is first class. Furthermore, he knows how to handle and show them.

The records made by Rock Hill Poultry Farm at the big shows is history. We were delighted to look over the famous White Wyandotte winners at Madison Square, the great string of beautiful Silver Penciled Plymouth Rocks, the Partridge Wyandottes, White Leghorns and White Rocks. It was a sight to please every true fancier. A full description, with illustrations, of this beautiful plant will appear in a later issue of The American Fancier.

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Messrs A. O. and B. O. Schilling, of Rochester, N. Y., have sold out their entire string of Buff Cochin Bantams to Mr. Frank W. Radford, of Wisconsin. This was probably the largest and best string of Buff Cochin Bantams in the United States. Having handled and judged the Schilling team more than once we know whereof we are speaking. We are glad that they pass into the hands of such a good fancier as Mr. Radford is known to be.

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Doctor Ben Thornton is building up a great string of Game Bantams at the Short Hills Poultry Farm and when the snow flies next winter there will be something doing at the big eastern shows when the Doctor enters the show arena. Mr. Fincke, the proprietor of Short Hill Farm is sparing no expense to get the best blood in the world in the Game Bantam line. Now that Mr. Fincke is Secretary of the American Exhibition Game and Game Bantam Club, we can expect a big revival in the Bantam fancy. From what we can learn there will be something doing all along the line next fall and winter.

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Harry E. Drevenstedt has purchased the entire string of Brown Red Game Bantams from John C. Blunck, including his winners at the past big shows. They will be shipped to Red Bank, N. J., and installed at the Columbian Poultry Farm, where they will be bred. This is purely a fancier's deal and one of the many now in progress, that will help the entries in Game Bantams at New York, Boston and other large shows.

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We call attention to the advertisement of Mr. Frank H. Hodges, of Red Bank, New Jersey. The writer of these notes and Mr. Richard Hutchings will take possession of Columbia Poultry Farm on or about April first, and conduct it on practical lines, making the production of eggs a specialty. This will require all the available room for the White Leghorns and Buff Plymouth Rocks so Mr. Hodges must remove all stock within thirty days, except his Bantams which he will continue to breed. We have inspected the stock for sale and have no hesitation in saying that many desirable bargains are included in the list. The birds are in fine condition. It is a rare chance to secure fine standard bred stock.

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Mr. Charles M. Diffenderffer, of Baltimore, Md., made a shipment last week of some extra fine exhibition Partridge Cochin Bantams to one of the most prominent breeders in England. Mr. Diffenderffer's Cochin Bantams and Pigmy Pouters are among the best in the United States.

We regret that many show reports have not appeared in The American Fancier as promptly as they should have. Circumstances over which we had no control conspired to prevent the appearance of these reports. We will endeavor to make up for lost time and publish as rapidly as possible each week the delayed copy, and trust our readers will bear with us in this hour of strenuousness and transfer of a publication from one city to another.

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We learn that John Brett, who for many years has been in charge of game and pheasants on Fisher's Island, N. Y., will take up a new position of a similar nature at Westwood, N. J. Mr. Brett is one of the most practical and experienced poultry, game and dog fanciers in the United States. He learned the game in England and he learned it well.

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There is some talk regarding the formation of a National Poultry Association and several enthusiastic promoters have already elected themselves to office. We will wait and watch developments, and, incidentally, keep an eye on the bunch that is pushing the matter.

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Mr. George W. Weed, one of the best poultry breeders and judges in America has been engaged to travel for The American Fancier. He will visit the yards of all reputable breeders and state what he saw and what he thinks, and George has plenty of thinks in his dome. His writings will be clean, vigorous, honest and convincing. Watch for George's visit. It will do you good. Mr. Weed will be general manager for outside agents for subscriptions and advertising.

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Harry F. Sherwood, owner of the Compo Poultry Farm, Saugatuck, Conn., was the first visitor to the new home of the American Fancier, in the Havemeyer Building, on Monday. Mr. Sherwood is a well known breeder of Barred Rocks and Pekin Ducks, and is of that persuasion of manhood of whom we say, not that his shadow may never grow less, but may the sunshine that he radiates never diminish.

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J. Albert Lewis, of the Llewellyn Park Poultry Yards, of West Orange, N. J., has been secured as photographer to The American Fancier. Mr. Lewis is not only an artist in his line, but he is a fancier of long standing, so he throws the spirit of love, as it were, in his work, which will assure to the public and the fancier perfect pose, in fact, an ideal portrait of his subject, all of which may be observed in our future issues.

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By-the-way, the article on Sebright Bantams will run through three or four numbers, but they will be well worth waiting for, as the author is well posted whereof he writes, and reproductions of the original cuts will appear with each installment of the article.

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The production of this number of The American Fancier is a good deal parallel to Mark Twain's description of a ship clearing for sea. Disorder and confusion have abounded, but the boys of the printery have loaned a

willing hand, and our readers will readily recognize what mountains have been overcome when it is stated that the first piece of manuscript was handed out on Thursday evening and the last copy of this issue was scheduled to be put through the press on Friday evening. This is pretty good when it is considered that everything excepting types and paper had to be shipped from Washington on Tuesday, and a rush made to get the paper in shape. As it stands, three pages of advertisements had to be left out of this issue.

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There are no rewards offered to the reader who finds the largest number of errors in this issue of The American Fancier, a la the Illustrated Standard. We confess to a whole batch of errors, typographical and otherwise, but this was practically unavoidable, as the paper was put to press after many difficulties.

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When we are fairly settled in our home in the Havemeyer Building, the library of The American Fancier will be open to all interested. If you want to get data about standardbred stock, just come in and you will be granted all courtesies. The American Fancier has taken steps to make its bureau of information the best in the United States.

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With its issue of March 31, 1906, The American Fancier will begin the publication of a specialty number. That is, a number devoted to certain varieties of standardbred stock. The articles will be profusely illustrated, and writers thoroughly acquainted with their subjects will contribute.

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The American Fancier will offer handsome cups for the best bird in the show in the most prominent exhibitions throughout the country. The cup will be awarded in each instance upon the decision of three judges, so that there can be no cry of one-man-power.

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There is one feature that has not been dilated upon in this issue, but something special will be inscribed later. By this we refer to the printery of The American Fancier, which is fully equipped to execute any line of printing. Our specialty, of course, is printing for standard stock fanciers.

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When we speak of printing, we want to show you four catalogues that have already been issued by The American Fancier are editions de luxe, if you please, and we ask no odds of the crack-a-jacks in the line of half-tone work.

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There is another wrinkle that is open to all our subscribers. When you want a catalogue, let us frame it up for you. We have a fellow who is an adept in the art of scribbling off catalogue material, without turning a hair. Just submit your ideas and they will be licked out in shape. There is an art in getting up attractive copy, and our man has got the game down to perfection. Good copy, correctly put up, makes a great saving in printing bills.

THE NEWARK POULTRY SHOW.

The tenth annual exhibition of the Fanciers' Poultry Association was held in Bamberger's Auditorium, Newark, N. J., January 29 to February 3, and was a most successful event.

The list of awards were as follows:

LIGHT BRAHMAS.—Cock 1 C. P. Nettleton, 2 Alber C. Ballinger; hen 1 Nettleton, 2 Ballinger; ckl 1 Chas. August, 2 and 3 Nettleton, 4 Richfield Poultry Yds., 5 Ballinger; pullet 1 Harriet Ratcliffe, 2 and 4 Nettleton, 3 Ballinger; pen 1 Nettleton, 2 Wm. Collinson, 3 W. W. Lind.

DARK BRAHMAS.—Cock 1, hen 1 Geo. W. Heck.

PARTRIDGE COCHINS.—Cock 1, hen 1 J. C. Froelich, M. D.; ckl 1, 2, 3, 4, pullet 1, 2, 3, 4 S. W. Carey, Jr.

WHITE COCHINS.—Cock 1, hen 1 Geo. Heck, pul 1 Heck, 2 Wm. Heil.

BLACK COCHINS.—Cock 1, hen 1 Geo. Heck.

BARRED PLYMOUTH ROCKS.—Cock 1 and 2 Blue Barred Farm, 3 E. L. Geisel, 4 H. D. Riley; hen 1 and 4 Blue Barred Farm, 2 A. Reinhardt, 3 Ellis Court Poultry Yds., 5 Horton Keen; ckl 1 D. O. Hastings, 2 E. L. Geisel, 3 and 5 Riley, 4 Keen; pullet 1 and 2 J. E. Waite, 3 Riley, 4 Blue Barred Farm, 5 Chas. Staaff.

BUFF PLYMOUTH ROCKS.—Hen 1 G. W. Wege, 2 A. L. Vreeland; ckl 1 G. W. Wege, 2 and 4 A. L. Vreeland, 3 E. Berquist; pullet 1 Vreeland, 3 Mrs. M. M. Becker, 2 and 4 W. Walters, 5 Berquist.

WHITE PLYMOUTH ROCKS.—Cock 1 Wilson & Oertel, 2 and 3 Peapack Farm, 4 L. L. Carey, 5 J. L. Purple; hen 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Peapack Farm; ckl 1, 2, 4, 5 Peapack Farm, ckl 3 J. L. Purple; pullet 1, 2, 3, 4 Peapack Farm, 5 R. M. Johnson; pen 1 and 2 Peapack Farm, 3 W. P. Bliss, 4 J. L. Purple, 5 Wilson & Oertel.

SILVER PLYMOUTH ROCKS.—Cock 1 Exmoor Farms; hen 1 and 2, pullet 1 Exmoor Farms.

SILVER WYANDOTTES.—Cock 1, hen 1, ckl 1, pullet 1 A. T. Beckett; hen 2 Walter Kennard.

GOLDEN WYANDOTTES.—Cock 1, pullet 2 Harriet Ratcliffe, pullet 1 W. Rennard.

WHITE WYANDOTTES.—Cock 1 and 3 Oceanside Poultry Yds., 2, 4, 5 A. L. Sparks; hen 1 W. S. Foster, 2 and 3 A. L. Sparks, 4 Oceanside Poultry Yds., 5 West Side Poultry Yds.; ckl 1 Fred Rogers, 2 West Side P. Yds., 3 A. J. Gies, 4 Oceanside P. Yds., 5 A. L. Sparks; pullet 1 A. J. Sparks, 2 F. W. Fugle, 3 West Side Poultry Yds., 4 and 5 Oceanside Poultry Yds.; pen 1 Oceanside P. Yds., 2 Hawkins, 3 and 4 A. L. Sparks, 5 Gies.

BUFF WYANDOTTES.—Hen 1 J. D. Koons; ckl 1, pullet 1 J. G. Roberts, pullet 2 J. E. Woodland.

PARTRIDGE WYANDOTTES.—Cock 1 M. H. Coffin, 2 Thos. Schofield, 3 James Gebhart, 4 and 5 A. P. Groves; hen 1 Coffin, 2 and 3 Schofield, 4 Gebhart, 5 Groves; ckl 1 H. A. Parkhurst, 2 Coffin, 3 Groves, 4 Schofield; pullet 1 Coffin, 2 Koons, 3 and 4 Schofield, 5 Groves; pen 1 Coffin.

COLUMBIAN WYANDOTTES.—Ckl 1, pullet 1, pen 1 H. C. Keen.

SILVER PENCILED WYANDOTTES.—Pullet 1 E. C. Allison.

S. C. R. I. REDS.—Ckl 1 Harriet Ratcliffe, 2 A. Anderson, 3 H. L. Fox, 4 and 5 Rogers; pen 1 C. V. Hawkins.

R. C. R. I. REDS.—Cock 1 A. M. Anderson, 2 O. D. Safford; hen 1 L. Anderson, 2 Overpeck Poultry Yds.; ckl 1 Safford, 2 L. Anderson, 3 A. Anderson, 4 J. P. Fox, 5 E. A. Palmer & Son; pullet 1 L. Anderson, 2 A. M. Anderson; pen 2 Walter Smith.

S. C. BUFF ORPINGTONS.—All to Willowbrook Farm.

S. C. BLACK ORPINGTONS.—Cock 1 and 2 Willowbrook Farm, 3 H. Pearson, 4 F. W. Young; hen 1 and 2, ckl 1 and 3, pullet 1 and 2 Willowbrook Farm, hen 3 F. W. Young; ckl 2, pullet 2 and 4 William J. Hausby; pen 1 Willowbrook Farm.

WHITE ORPINGTONS.—Cock 1 and 2, hen 1 and 2 Willowbrook Farm; ckl 1 and 2 Willowbrook Farm, 4 and 5 W. Newman; pullet 1 and 2 Willowbrook Farm; pen 1 Banner Poultry Yds.

JUBILEE ORPINGTONS.—All to F. O. Megargee except 2d cock to B. Douglass, Jr.

SILVER GRAY DORKINGS.—Hen 1 and 2, ckl 1, pullet 1 and 3 Geo. B. Inches; ckl 2, pullet 2 Bonniebrook Farm.

COLORED DORKINGS.—All to George Inches.

S. C. B. LEGHORNS.—Hen 1 Sophia Pitchlynn, 2 C. O. Miers, 3, 4, 5 E. B. Cridler; cock 1, 2, 3 Cridler, 4 Bidgood Bros., 5 Miers; ckl 1, 3 Cridler, 2 Exmoor Farms, 4 C. R. Wells, 5 Pine Oak Poultry Yds.; pullet 1 Cridler, 2 Sophia Pitchlynn, 3 Exmoor Farms, 4 C. R. Wells, 5 Miers; pen 1 Cridler, 2 Miers.

ROSE COMB BROWN LEGHORNS.—All to Mrs. G. B. Inches, except pullet 3 to White Star Poultry Farm and pullet 2 to Maplewood Poultry Farm.

S. C. WHITE LEGHORNS.—Cock 1 Chas. Lear, 2 White Star Poultry Farm, 3 Maplewood Poultry Farm; ckl 1 B. C. Fincke, 2 White Star P. Yds., 3, 5 Stratford Poultry Farm, 4 Maplewood Poultry

Farm; pullet 1 Lear, 2 Frank Frier, 3 Fincke, 4, 5 White Star Poultry Yds.; pen 1 Oceanside P. Yds., 2 Frank Frier.

R. C. W. LEGHORNS.—All to Bonniebrook Farm.

S. C. BUFF LEGHORNS.—Cock 1 R. L. Jacobus, 2 John Craig; hen 1, 4 Craig, 2, 3 Jacobus; ckl 1, 5 H. Hawkins, 2 Jacobus, 3 Craig, 4 Trout; pullet 1, 2 Jacobus, 3 Hawkins, 4, 5 Craig; pen 1 Jacobus, 2 P. Glen, 3, 4 Craig.

ROSE COMB BUFF LEGHORNS.—All to J. G. Roberts.

SILVER DUCKWING LEGHORNS.—Ckl 1, 2, pullet 1, 2 Exmoor Farms.

ANCONAS.—Ckl 1 H. G. Kosche.

S. C. BLACK MINORCAS.—Hen 1, 2, 3 Harry Deane; pen 1 Deane, 2 Bliss.

WHITE MINORCAS.—Cock 1, 2 H. C. Keen; pullet 1 J. V. Boss.

ANDALUSIANS.—Cock 1, 2, hen 1, 2, 3, ckl 1, 2 Banner Poultry Yds., ckl 3 H. J. Gray, 4 Chas. Terwilliger; pullet 1, 2, 3 Banner P. Yds., 4 Hugh Gray, 5 C. Terwilliger; pen 1 Banner Poultry Yds.

W. C. BLACK POLISH.—Cock 1 E. S. Klase, 1 A. J. Finkle.

B. O. B. RED PIT GAMES.—Cock 1 D. G. Hetfield, 2 James Clark, 3 Thos. Hetfield; hen 1 D. Hetfield; ckl 1 S. Eustice.

DUCKWING PIT GAMES.—Cock 1 Whippany Farm.

GINGER RED PIT GAMES.—Cock 1 Wm. Stevenson; hen 1 Whippany Farm.

SPANGLE WHITE PIT GAMES.—Ckl 1, pullet 1 Whippany Farm.

B. O. W. PIT GAMES.—Ckl 1 Geo. Emerson; pullet 1 Eustice.

DOMINIQUE PIT GAMES.—Hen 1, ckl 1 Geo. Emerson.

BLUE OR BLUE PYLE PIT GAMES.—Hen 1 Clark.

HENNY PIT GAMES.—Ckl 1 J. W. Ruth.

A. O. C. PIT GAMES.—Cock 1, hen 1, ckl 3, pullet 2 H. L. Fox, ckl 1, 2, pullet 1 Whippany Farm.

CORNISH INDIAN GAMES.—Cock 1 Exmoor Farms; hen 1 Exmoor Farms, 2, 3, 4, 5 Oakland Poultry Farms; pullet 1, 2, 3 Exmoor Farms, 4, 5 Oakland Farm; ckl 1, 5 Exmoor Farms, 2, 4 Oakland Farm, 3 M. Potter; pen 1, 3 Oakland Farm, 2 M. A. Hanchatt.

SILKIES.—Hen 1 H. Redden, Jr.

WHITE GUINEA FOWL.—Cock 1, hen 1 Peapack Farm.

A. O. C. GUINEA FOWL.—Cock 1 A. A. Stoutenburgh.

SELLING CLASS.—Cock 1 Hetfield; ckl 1, 2 F. W. Young.

GOLDEN SEBRIGHT BANTAMS.—Cock 1 Glenbrook P. Farm, 2 H. Thomas; hen 1, 2 Thomas, 3, 4, 5 Glenbrook P. Farm; ckl 1, pullet 1, 2 Thomas; pen 1 Glenbrook P. Farm.

SILVER SEBRIGHT BANTAMS.—Cock 1 Glenbrook P. Farm, 2 L. Fisher; hen 1, 2, 3 Glenbrook Poultry Farm.

S. C. BLACK BANTAMS.—Hen 1, ckl 1, pullet 1 W. Kennedy.

BUFF COCHIN BANTAMS.—Ckl 1 A. Reinhardt, 2 Isaac Wilks; pullet 1 West, 2 Wilks.

WHITE COCHIN BANTAMS.—Cock 1 Brown Bros.; hen 1 A. Reinhardt, 2 C. & F. Peters.

BLACK COCHIN BANTAMS.—Cock 1 C. & F. Peters, 2 A. Reinhardt, 3, 4 Glenbrook P. Farm; hen 1 Reinhardt, 2, 3, 4 Glenbrook P. Farm; ckl 1 Reinhardt, 2, 3 Dr. H. W. Lincoln; pullet 1, 2 Reinhardt; pen 1 Reinhardt.

LIGHT BRAHMA BANTAMS.—Cock 1, 2 W. S. Orr, 3 G. W. Hillson; hen 1 Hillson, 2, 3 Orr; ckl 1, 2, pullet 1, 2 Orr; pen 1 Orr.

A. O. VARIETY BANTAMS.—Ckl 1 John Flynn, Jr.

B. B. R. G. BANTAMS.—Cock 1, 2 F. H. Hodges, 3 George Mahr; hen 1, 4, 5 Short Hills P. Farm, 2, 3 Hodges; ckl 1, 3 Short Hills P. Farm, 2 George Mahr, 4 N. M. Shaw; pullet 1, 2 Short Hills P. Farm, 3 Hodges; pen 1 Short Hills P. Farm, 2 Hodges, 3 J. N. Sinnock.

GOLDEN DUCKWING BANTAMS.—Cock 1, hen 1 Short Hills P. Farm.

SILVER DUCKWINGS.—Cock 1, hen 1 Geo. Mahr.

R. P. GAME BANTAMS.—Hen 1, 2 Hodges, 3, 4 Short Hills Poultry Farm; cock 1 Mowl Bros., 2 Short Hills P. Farm, 3, 4 Hodges; ckl 1, 2 Short Hills P. Farm; pullet 1 Hodges, 2, 3 Short Hills P. Farm; pen 1 Sinnock, 2 Hodges.

BIRCHEN GAME BANTAMS.—All to Short Hills Poultry Farm.

PEKIN DUCKS.—Drake 1 Chas. Waring.

ROUEN DUCKS.—EMBDEN GEESE.—All to Bonniebrook Farm.

THE SCRANTON AWARDS.

Here is the list of awards, which was kindly furnished us by Superintendent George E. Stevenson, who proved to be the right man in the proper place:

LIGHT BRAHMAS.—Cock 1 E. F. Tiffany, 2 Chas. O. Miers, 3 Fred W. Hughson; hen 1 Tiffany, 2 Miers, 3 Hughson; ckl 1 Tiffany, 2 Edw. Finn; pullet 1 Tiffany, 2 and 3 Finn; pen 1, 2, 3 E. F. Tiffany.

BUFF COCHINS.—Ckl 1, pullet 1 and 3, pullet 2 Geo. J. Purton.

PARTRIDGE COCHINS.—Cock 1 Purton; hen 1 Purton, 2 Chas. Phillips, 3 Wm. C. Sticklo; pen 1 Phillips.

BARRED PLYMOUTH ROCKS.—Cock 1 Sherman Bros., 2 F. H. Castner, 3 Tiffany; hen 1 J. W. Schiebel, Jr.; 72 Castner, 3 James Clark, ckl 1 and 3 J. H. Hazeldene, 2 Schiebel, J., pullet 1 Castner, 2 Schiebel, 3 Cooper; pen 1 and 3 J. W. Brady, 2 Howard Tidd.

WHITE PLYMOUTH ROCKS.—Cock 1 Tiffany, 2 Springer Bros., 3 G. W. Swartz; ckl 1 Springer Bros., 2 Wolfe, 3 Tiffany; hen 1 Tiffany, 2 J. Potter Clark, 3 Swartz; pullet 1 and 3 Springer Bros., 2 Swartz; pen 1 Snyder, 2 J. Potter Clarke.

BUFF PLYMOUTH ROCKS.—Cock 1 Mrs. Bertha Kerlin, 2 Hughson; hen 1 and 2 Chas. Hurtt, 3 Hughson; ckl 1 Snyder, 2 James Calvert, 3 Mrs. M. M. Becker; pullet 1 Mrs. M. M. Becker, 2 Chas. E. Becker, 3 Calvert; pen 1 Hurtt.

SILVER WYANDOTTES.—Cock 1 Hughson, 2 R. F. Alden, 3 Eugene Taunler; hen 1 W. D. Kinsell, 2 W. S. Huslander, 3 Mrs. Denton Cole; ckl 1 Mrs. Cole, 2 Alden, 3 Taunler; pullet 1 H. F. Atherton, 2 and 3 W. D. Kinsell; pen 1 Atherton, 2 Mrs. Cole, 3 Alden.

GOLDEN WYANDOTTES.—Cock 1 Geo. E. Stevenson, 2 and 3 Hazel Poultry Yds.; hen 1 and 3 Hazel Poultry Yds., 2 Stevenson; ckl 1 Geo. F. Wilson.

WHITE WYANDOTTES.—Cock 1 Hazel Poultry Yds., 2 Daniel James, 3 Wm. A. Williams; hen 1 W. T. Foster, 2 and 3 Frederick Christ; ckl 1 Hazel Poultry Yds., 2 F. Christ, 3 H. J. Lloyd; pullet 1 F. Christ, 2 Daniel James, 3 John O'Malley; pen 1 Hazel Poultry Yds., 2 Sprandel.

BUFF WYANDOTTES.—Cock 1 R. G. Pensyl, 2 Hughson; hen 1 Harry Proctor, 2 Pensyl, 3 Wheeler; ckl 1 and 2 Ed. Griffith; pullet 1 Wheeler, 2 Pensyl, 3 Griffith; pen 1 C. D. Sinsabaugh.

SILVER PENCILED WYANDOTTE.—Cock 1 and 2 David Dunn; hen 1 and 2 Dunn, 3 J. J. Reif; ckl 1 John F. Eiden, 2 Dunn, 3 Reif; pullet 1 Dunn, 2 Hoffman & Yeger, 3 Reif.

PARTRIDGE WYANDOTTES.—Cock 1 and 3 W. H. Hagen, 2 L. L. Bright; hen 1 F. O. Megargee, 2 Bright, 3 Pensyl; ckl 1 Hagen, 2 Pensyl; pen 1 Megargee.

COLUMBIAN WYANDOTTES.—Hen 1 Megargee, 2 and 3 Bright; ckl 1 Megargee, 2 Bright, 3 Oliver E. Brey; pullet 1 and 2 Megargee, 3 Bright.

BLACK WYANDOTTES.—Cock 1 and 2 E. Emery.

BLACK LANGSHANS.—Cock 1 and 2 Snaith & Von Bergen, 3 Hughson; hen 1 and 3 Snaith & Von Bergen, 2 Hughson; ckl 1 Snaith & Von Bergen, 2 W. W. Wilbur, 3 J. J. Berghauer; pullet 1 Wilbur, 2 and 3 Snaith & Von Bergen; pen 1 Snaith & Von Bergen.

WHITE LANGSHANS.—Cock 1 Hughson, 2 William Snaith, Jr.; hen 1 Hughson; pullet 1, 2 and 3 William Snaith, Jr.

S. C. BUFF ORPINGTONS.—Cock 1 C. E. Vass, 2 and 3 Bennington; hen 1 Vass, 2 and 3 Bennington; ckl 1 Richard Cunningham, 2 Weddigen, 3 Bennington; pullet 1 and 3 Weddigen, 2 Bennington; pen 1 Richard Snee, 2 and 3 Bennington.

S. C. BLACK ORPINGTONS.—Cock 1 Vass, 2 Geo. Heere, 3 Hughson; hen 1 Vass, 2 E. P. Conklin, 3 Hughson; ckl 1 Conklin, 2 Vass, pullet 1 and 2 Conklin, 3 Vass.

S. C. WHITE ORPINGTONS.—Cock 1, hen 1, ckl 1, pullet 1, 2, 3 Vass; ckl 2 and 3 Thos. Brown.

R. C. BUFF ORPINGTONS.—Cock 1 Vass; hen 1 Vass; ckl 1 Weddigen; ckl 2, pullet 1 Vass.

S. C. JUBILEE ORPINGTONS.—All to F. O. Megargee.

S. C. WHITE LEGHORNS.—Cock 1 A. W. Frazier, 2 W. R. Schmoll, 3 W. Huslander; hen 1 Marcus Cook, 2 Huslander, 3 Schmoll; ckl 1 Schmoll, 2 Frazier, 3 Finn; pullet 1 Schmoll, 2 F. Christ, 3 Frazier; pen 1 F. Christ, 2 A. R. Seamans, 3 A. W. Handy.

S. C. BROWN LEGHORNS.—Cock 1 Hughson, 2 Miers; hen 1 Hughson, 2 Miers; 3 S. H. Adams; ckl 1 Adams, 2 and 3 Miers; pullet 1 and 3 Miers, 2 Hughson; pen 1 Dr. M. D. Snyder.

S. C. BUFF LEGHORNS.—Cock 1 John Derr, 2 Hughson, 3 Hurtt; hen 1 Hurtt, 2 and 3 Hughson; ckl 1 Cook, 2 B. Allord; pullet 1 Cook.

S. C. BLACK LEGHORNS.—Cock 1 Allis Bros.

S. C. A. O. C. LEGHORNS.—All to Allis Bros.

R. C. WHITE LEGHORNS.—Cock 1 Tiffany, 2 Huslander, 3 Hughson; hen 1 Huslander, 2 Hughson, 3 Tiffany; ckl 1 Huslander, 2 Tiffany, 3 R. Taft; pullet 1 and 3 Taft, 2 Tiffany.

R. C. BROWN LEGHORNS.—Cock 1 B. Oakley, 2 B. Osterhout; hen 1 Hughson, 2 Frazier, 3 Clara S. Bissell; ckl 1 R. Williams, 2 Frazier, 3 Bissell; pullet 1 and 2 Oakley, 3 Frazier; pen 1 Joseph McCabe.

BLACK MINORCAS.—Cock 1 Hazle Poultry Yds., 2 and 3 Brockway; hen 1

Brockway, 2 and 3 Hazle Poultry Yds., ckl 1 Brockway, 2 Harry Rehn, 3 Hazle Poultry Yds.; pullet 1 Brockway, 2 and 3 Hazle Poultry Yds.

WHITE MINORCAS.—Cock 1, hen 1 Hughson; hen 2, ckl 1, pullet 1 J. V. Boss.

R. C. BLACK MINORCAS.—Cock 1, hen 1 Hughson.

R. C. WHITE MINORCAS.—Cock 1, hen 1 Hughson.

GOLDEN POLISH, PLAIN.—Pullet 2 J. J. Smith & Son.

WHITE CRESTED BLACK POLISH.—Hen 1, ckl 1 Robt. Schwenk.

WHITE CRESTED WHITE POLISH.—Cock 1 G. W. Strupler, 2 Hughson; hen 1 Hughson, 2 and 3 Strupler.

GOLDEN POLISH BEARDED.—Cock 1, hen 1 C. Rippon, 2 J. J. Smith.

S. S. HAMBURGS.—Cock 1 W. J. Mayo, 2 Hughson; hen 1 Tiffany, 2 Hughson; ckl 1 Tiffany; pullet 1 Tiffany, 2 Mayo; pen 1 H. F. Atherton.

BLACK HAMBURGS.—All to H. E. Lapp.

RHODE ISLAND REDS.—Hen 1, 2, 3 H. Schiebel, Jr.; ckl 1 Schiebel, Jr., 2 O. B. Fry, 3 Henry L. Fox; pullet 1 and 3 Schiebel, Jr., 2 Aaron Powell; pen 1 Aaron Powell.

R. C. R. I. REDS.—Cock 1 Schiebel, Jr., 2 Carlisle B. Huff, 3 Clara Bissell; hen 1 Hughson; ckl 1 Heumann, 2 Fox, 3 Geo. Breck; pullet 1 Fox, 2 Heumann, 3 Breck; pen 1 Adams, 2 Snyder.

HOUDANS.—Cock 1 Jacob Grill, 2 Tiffany, 3 Geo. Stevenson; hen 1 and 2 Stevenson, 3 Grill; ckl 1 Tiffany, 2 Atherton, 3 Stevenson; pullet 1 Tiffany, 2 Atherton, 3 Stevenson; pen 1 Stevenson.

SILKIES.—Cock 1, hen 1 William Smith, Jr.

BLACK RED PIT GAMES.—Cock 1 Pendered & Bloomer, 2 Jas. Barton, 3 E. B. Avery; ckl 1 and 2, pullet 1 and 2 Barton.

A. O. C. PIT GAME.—Cock 1 Jas. Oakford, 2 Fox, 3 Pendered & Bloomer; hen 1 and 3 Oakford, 2 Fox; ckl 1 Pendered & Bloomer, 2 and 3 Oakford; pullet 1 Fox, 2 and 3 Oakford; pen 1 and 2 Oakford.

INDIAN GAMES.—Hen 1 James Calvert.

WHITE INDIAN GAMES.—Cock 1, hen 1 Hughson.

B. B. R. STANDARD GAMES.—Cock 1 J. Clark, 2 D. Dunn; hen 1 and 2 Dunn, 3 Clark; pullet 1 Clark, 2 Dr. Winbrake, 3 Dunn; ckl 1 Dunn, 2 Winbrake, 3 Clark.

B. STANDARD RED GAMES.—Cock 1 Clark, 2 F. G. Boufuct; hen 1 Clark, 2 Dunn, ckl 1 and 2 Dunn, 3 Clark; pullet 1 Clark, 2 Dunn.

SILVER DUCKWING STANDARD GAMES.—All to Clark.

GOLDEN DUCKWINGS.—Cock 1, pullet 1 John Borthwick.

RED PYLE STANDARD GAMES.—Cock 1 Bouquet; pullet 1 Clark.

A. O. V.—Cock 1 and 2 Mrs. M. D. Snyder; hen 1 Mrs. Snyder, 1 Stevenson; ckl 1 Stevenson; pullet 1 Stevenson.

GUINEA FOWL.—1 Tiffany, 2 and 3 Stevenson.

B. B. R. GAME BANTAMS.—Cock 1 and 2 E. C. Richer, 3 C. Smith; hen 1 Richer, 2 Dunn; ckl 1 Richer, 2 and 3 Smith; pullet 1 Brown, 2 and 3 Richer; pen 1 Geo. Richline.

BROWN RED GAME BANTAMS.—Cock 1, hen 1 and 2 Pendered & Bloomer.

R. PYLE GAME BANTAMS.—Cock 1 J. J. Smith & Son; hen 1 Richer, 2 Tiffany; ckl 1 Richer, 2 C. Smith, 3 David Dunn; pullet 1 Smith, 2 Dunn, 3 J. J. Smith & Son.

SILVER DUCKWING G. BANTAMS.—Cock 1 Dunn; hen 1, ckl 1, pullet 1 E. C. Richer.

BUFF COCHIN BANTAMS.—Cock 1 J. J. Smith & Son, 2 Chas. Rippon; hen 1 J. J. Smith & Son, 2 Tiffany, 3 H. Von Bergen; ckl 1 and 3 Hoffman & Berger, 2 H. Von Bergen; pullet 1 Hoffman & Berger, 2 J. J. Smith & Son, 3 H. Von Bergen.

WHITE COCHIN BANTAMS.—Cock 1, hen 1, ckl 1, pullet 3 J. J. Smith & Son, cock 2, hen 2, ckl 2, pullet 2 Tiffany, pullet 1 Thos. Brown.

BLACK COCHIN BANTAMS.—Cock 1 J. J. Smith & Son, 2 Chas. Rippon, 3 Tiffany; hen 1 Smith & Son, 2 Alonzo Coburn, ckl 1 Smith & son, 3 Thos. Rowe; pullet 1 Smith & Son, 2 Tiffany, 3 Rowe.

PARTRIDGE COCHIN BANTAMS.—Hen 1 Rippon; ckl 1, pullet 1 Tiffany.

GOLDEN SEBRIGHT BANTAMS.—Cock 1 W. W. Kohler; hen 1 Stevenson, 2 Miers; ckl 1, pullet 1 Miers.

BROWN'S BUDGET

The pullets are singing their song of spring.

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Time to get a new wick for your incubator.

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Take good care of the male bird at the head of the pen. Sometimes they are so gallant they don't get enough feed. Feel their crop at night to see if they are well suppered. If not, teach them to eat by lantern light. It's a little trouble, but it is a paying investment.

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Make arrangements the coming season to plant some rape seed if you are not well provided with good, well established grass runs. It is a quick grower and fowls and chicks are exceedingly fond of it. It can be cut off and it will grow up again. In very rich ground that is clean of weed the seed can be broadcasted. On moderately rich soils it is best to plant in drills and cultivate same as corn.

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If you anticipate setting out any trees this Spring for shade in your poultry yards, use fruit trees of some kind. If you want a very rapid growing tree, and one that grows with a broad area or expanse, plant wild goose plum. The plums are fine either for eating or preserving, and when in the chicken yards yield well.

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Sometimes there are small runs or yards entirely covered with wire netting. It's nice to plant grape vines of a good variety on the outside and train them so they will run up and over the top of the runs. The grape will provide shade and fine crops of fruit.

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Sun-flowers are good to plant where young broods of chicks are to run. They can be planted early and the chicks will not bother them. After awhile they will give just the pleasant shade, not dense, so desirable for young chicks. Later on the crops will mature and be good as a help to balance winter rations.

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It is said the A. P. A. has been invited to hold its next annual meeting at Auburn, N. Y. If it does there will be poultry institutes held there during the same time. New York takes great interest in poultry and the poultry institute meetings are a prominent feature there. The next meeting should be in the East and Auburn seems like a pretty good place to hold it.

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Incubators on the farm are getting to be quite common. It shows how the poultry industry is growing and how the farmers are learning that it is necessary to use "New Fangled Things" to keep up with the progress procession. Why shouldn't the farm use all the improved methods of poultry culture!

"Please advise in The American Fancier about buckwheat, is it good for poultry? Subscriber, Newark, N. J."—Yes, it is an excellent food for fowls, either to alternate or feed with wheat or corn. It has heating qualities same as corn. Where it is the habit to occasionally boil oats and wheat together for fowls it is a good plan to add buckwheat. Use equal quantities of each grain.

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Brush up your ideas about the cares of young chicks. Be ready before the chicks come. Remember the troubles of last season. Mistakes that are made twice should be called negligent blunders.

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Something causes every trouble that the poultryman experiences with his fowls. The best remedy is to avoid the cause. If there was more careful investigation to learn the source of ailments, there would be less call for remedies.

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There is too much poultry kept in cold storage while they are alive. Farmer Slowgo believes in "lettin' of 'em roost in their trees—it hardens 'em." He should be made to sit on a cake of ice and suck an icicle for his breakfast and see how he would like the hardening process.

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The Poultry Show at Belair, Md., was a fine success. Mr. M. E. Ridgely showed some excellent light Brahmas, and some good Buff Plymouth Rocks, P. H. McCormie some very nice Black Longshaus; Alex. M. Falford a good string of Black Minorcas. A farmers' institute was held the same days of the poultry show. The writer gave a poultry talk at the farmers' institute, illustrating it with "living and moving pictures"—fowls from the show room.

Twelve years ago the question came up about maintaining a weekly journal devoted to standard bred stock. The Farm-Poultry, of August 1, 1895, a monthly journal admitted that The American Fancier was the only paper that could be successfully conducted as a weekly, and emphatically stated that this would not be possible if it were not for the ability and reputation of its editor, J. H. Drevenstedt. The Farm-Poultry further said that so long as Mr. Drevenstedt so ably filled the bill that it would be useless for any other publisher to try the plan, adding that it is quality that counts in making a standard bred journal a success. The fact that The American Fancier is alive to-day attests the worth of Mr. Drevenstedt, and more strength has been given him through the new deal that has been consummated, a deal which means a square deal to one and all, for the American Fancier plays no favorites.

RHODE ISLAND RED CLUB.

The Annual Meeting Held on January 17th.

The annual meeting of the Rhode Island Red Club of America was called to order at 3 P. M., January 17th, in the Music Hall, at Cincinnati, with the Hon. C. M. Bryant in the Chair.

In the absence of the Secretary, Dr. G. D. Wilcoxon was elected Secretary pro tem. Secretary's report read and accepted. It was moved by Dr. Wilcoxon that there be spread upon the Club's minutes a resolution noting the organization of the National Single Comb Rhode Island Red Club and expressing the gratification of this Club thereat. Seconded by Dr. Aldrich. Motion carried.

Treasurer's report read and accepted. Philip Caswell calls the attention of the members to the extreme importance of all American Poultry Associations' members being present at that Association's meeting. Mr. Miles moves the composition of a resolution by the Secretary urging the admission of the Rose Comb Rhode Island Reds to the Standard of Excellence and protesting against the admission of the American Reds. It was so ordered. Mr. J. M. Clonston, of West Virginia, requested information of the Club's work during the past year. A brief synopsis of the work was given by President Bryant. At the request of the Western members, a discussion of color took place. Question discussed by Drs. Aldrich and Benton, C. C. Murray and C. N. Hansen.

Nomination for the Club's officers for the ensuing year being next in order, it was moved, seconded and carried that all nominations be made by acclamation and the following officers were elected:

President—Philip Caswell, Newport, R. I.; First Vice-President—Hon. C. M. Bryant, Wollaston, Mass.; Second Vice-President—Oscar E. Miles, Columbus, Ohio; Third Vice-President—C. F. Ward, Winter Park, Fla.; Secretary-Treasurer—E. L. Prickett, Hazardville, Conn.

Executive Committee—Philip Caswell, R. I.; Hon. C. M. Bryant, Wollaston, Mass.; E. L. Prickett, Hazardville, Conn.; Dr. N. B. Aldrich, Fall River, Mass.; S. J. Tetley, Farmington, Mo.; Lester Tompkins, Concord, Mass.; Vernon L. Stafford, Fall River, Mass.

It was moved, seconded and carried, that the appointment of Honorary State Vice-President be referred to the Executive Committee.

The meeting was marked for its utter lack of any feeling, except enthusiasm for the breed and desire for its success. The members present representing widely different sections, expressed their determination to bring out classes as large in quantity and as fine in quality as the class at the Cincinnati Show.

The members were: Wm. Tobin, Indianapolis, Ind.; Wm. Hoswell, Huntington, W. Va.; Philip Caswell, Newport, R. I.; B. H. Scranton, Rising Sun, Ind.; C. C. Murray, Clowersport, Ky.; Dr. Geo. Benton, Elkart, Ind.; Lester Tompkins, Concord, Mass.; S. J. Tetley, Farmington, Mo.; R. C. Tuttle, Warsaw, Ky.; J. M. Clonston, Huntington, W. Va.; D. P. Shove, Fall River, Mass.; J. H. Valliere, Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Hon. C. M. Bryant, Wollaston, Mass.; Oscar E. Miles,

Columbus, Ohio; Dr. N. B. Aldrich, Fall River, Mass.; Dr. G. D. Wilcoxon, Freeport, Ill.; Dr. C. E. Hostetter, Point Pleasant, Ohio; E. A. Howe, Brightwood, Mass.; J. O. Stratton, Hartford, Conn.

Respectfully submitted,
G. D. WILCOXON,
Secretary pro tem.

Soil on Which to Rear Poultry.

Fowls dread most of all cold and damp. The soil on which to breed ought, therefore, to be dry, exposed to the sun, and permeable. If its permeability is not absolute, it is necessary to have recourse to drainage. When the ground is too earthy it is necessary to add a little gravel, of which fowls are very fond. As to shade, if there are not any large trees close by, it can be produced by planting some large potatoes, of which the thick foliage provides at the same time shade, coolness, and insects. One can also plant some shrubs or young trees of a certain size, which at the end of two seasons will embellish the enclosures, and render them more agreeable to the poultry. Some plantations of cabbage, sorrel, and endive which were preserved while young from the beaks of the fowls by means of wirework, constitute the best green food which can be given to poultry. No rule is fixed for planting trees for giving shade, but the more shade there is, intermingled with light sunlit clearings, the better the birds are pleased. It is necessary to prevent any poisonous plants from growing. These plantations of small shrubs and perennial plants have a double utility. In addition to the shade and coolness which they provide, their flowers and their foliage attract insects which provide a feast for the fowls. The vegetables draw a quantity of slugs, which the birds catch without any trouble. A hedge of yoke elms has the peculiarity of attracting cockafers, which, benumbed every morning, allow themselves to be gobbled like pills. The aromatic plants, such as fennel, are constantly covered with flies of all colors. It is thus that, by cultivating certain vegetation, one provides the fowls with enchanted parks. But, you will tell me, "Fowls like to ravage!" They will ravage nothing if the parks are sufficiently extensive, and it is necessary that the park should be spacious if anything at all.

Subscribers and advertisers should bear in mind that with this issue of The American Fancier there comes a new deal. All moneys due to the Howard Publishing Company should be forwarded to Washington, D. C., as The American Fancier Printing and Publishing Company assumes nothing in this line previous to the date of this issue of The American Fancier, Saturday, March 3, 1906.

There will be some mistakes and misunderstandings through this, but The American Fancier asks its patrons to notify us at once of such oversights. By doing so, trouble may be mutually avoided.

The number of new poultry associations springing up throughout the country shows that the poultry industry is rapidly increasing.



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SALUTATORY.

The business announcement following these brief remarks indicate what is in store for the genuine fanciers and dyed-in-the-wool chicken cranks. I have been called to perform a duty, viz.: To assume absolute editorial control of The American Fancier beginning with this issue. Although deep in the poultry business, in a practical way, there will be sufficient time left to look after the destiny of the paper that I started in 1893, and which, notwithstanding all the shaking of heads by doubting Thomases, has survived the ordeal. It was thought impossible to make a success of a weekly poultry paper as there were so many fine and beautifully printed monthlies, which could be sold at a cheaper subscription price. It was hard sledding at times, but The American Fancier is still on earth. The demand for a live weekly poultry paper published in the metropolis of the world—New York—was so great that steps were taken early in January to bring about such an undertaking. The response from the best fanciers when the call was issued was so prompt, enthusiastic and convincing, that the incorporators felt highly encouraged, and, to tell the truth, I felt mighty good myself to think that the time was at hand and the good will of the boys so hearty, for the work of giving American fanciers a paper that will represent their interests as they have never been represented before. In assuming editorial control, I wish to state or rather reiterate what I said when the paper was started some years ago. It was to be the organ of the real fanciers and poultry breeders, not a commercial vehicle for the purpose of bringing lucre to the coffers, at the expense of the subscriber and small advertiser. It was to publish the show reports in full and give credit to every man or woman that won a prize at a show, regardless whether he or she were advertisers or not.

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Forty-two words or less one time fifty cents; three times, \$1.00; thirteen times, \$4.00; twenty-six times, \$6.00; fifty-two times, \$12.00. Additional words at the rate of two cents each for one insertion, or one cent each for each insertion when run thirteen times. PAYABLE IN ADVANCE.

It was to bar out dishonest advertisers regardless of their prominence.

It was to call attention to crooked dealings in the show-room and we believe The American Fancier was the only poultry paper ever sued for \$5,000 on a libel suit. But two trials in the Supreme Court demonstrated the fact that the Eagle screamed successfully and there is a new one on the title page this week. The business editor of The American Fancier, Mr. Robert T. Dennis, is a born newspaper man, started from the case up and has been connected with the metropolitan dailies and monthlies for years. He will have sole charge of the make-up of the new American Fancier, and will be at the New York office every day to look after business and meet the visiting fanciers. I will be in New York on Monday and Wednesday each week, the rest of the time at Red Bank, N. J. The latch-string is out at either place to every reader, subscriber and advertiser of The American Fancier. The glad hand will be ever ready.

As to The American Fancier, I will say that it will be conducted on pretty strong American ideas beginning with Davy Crockett's famous lines, "Be sure you are right, then go ahead," followed up by the immortal saying of Thomas Jefferson, "Equal rights for all, with special privileges to none." And The American Fancier will appear every week in the year on time.

THE AMERICAN FANCIER PRINTING AND PUBLISHING CO.

There seems to be a semi-patriotic strain connected with the career of The American Fancier, all of which has been evinced in the light of recent events.

The American Fancier was born on July 4, 1893, by John H. Drevensedt, so universally known by his Faber signature of J. H. Drevensedt, and better known to his legion of friends and acquaintances among the true fanciers as plain, every day "Drev," a man who appears to be deigned to romp continuously in the Garden of Youth, despite his years that go to make up the age of forethought and wisdom. So, the editor of The American Fancier is likely to come into his heritage, for the rejuvenation of the paper will largely depend upon his individual efforts, coupled with the assistance of a bunch of fanciers of the true spirit, amply backed by the capital so necessary in any undertaking of to-day.

The introduction is somewhat of a digression from the original line of thought, but it is intended to convey the idea that The American Fancier is American to the core. Therefore, it is merely necessary to state that the Board of Directors of the American Fancier Printing and Publishing Company was duly organized at a meeting held in the Herald Square Hotel, in New York City, on Lincoln's Birthday, and the Howard Publishing Company, of Washington, D. C., formally transferred the publication to the American Fancier Printing and Publishing Company, on Washington's Birthday.

The officers of the American Fancier Printing and Publishing Company are: President, Richard L. Hutchings, of Rutherford, N. J.; Vice-President, John H. Drevensedt, of Red Bank, N. J.; Treasurer, Harry M. Carpenter, of Ossining, N. Y.; Secretary, Robert T. Dennis, of Ossining, N. Y.

It was mutually understood in the transfer of The American Fancier by the Howard Publishing Company to the American Fancier Printing and Publishing Company that the stock of the new corporation was to be placed at a popular price, so that the backyard poultry fancier will have his innings with the fancier of means, thus affording each and every one an opportunity of being interested in the publication of what is intended to be the premier publication of its class in the United States, a journal solely devoted to standard bred stock.

To this end, the corporation was duly incorporated under the laws of the State of New York, the capitalization being \$10,000, divided into shares of ten dollars each. This has given all an opportunity to subscribe, and the stock has been liberally taken, so that the success of the project is assured as far as finances are concerned, it now being necessary to demonstrate that the paper will merit the confidence of those interested, and The American Fancier Printing and Publishing Company will reap the benefit and glory of producing a paper that will be without a competitor in its class in the country.

The fact that small ownings are to maintain makes it apparent that The American Fancier will have a large backing of fanciers who are individually interested in its welfare, thus augmenting its influence through a medium that cannot be secured in any other manner.

The number of excellent brooders on the market supply the demand for less death-traps and more chicken raisers.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

The home of The American Fancier Printing and Publishing Company is in the Havemeyer Building, No. 26 Cortlandt street, New York City. Look up Room 321, and you will find us.

This announcement is made in order to save trouble for our good friend, William V. Russ, of the Excelsior Wire and Poultry Supply Company, of Nos. 26-28 Vesey street, New York City, who allowed The American Fancier to receive its mail at his headquarters while the corporation was in the course of organization.

Therefore, our friends will kindly remember to address their correspondence to us at the above address or to drop in at Room 321, Havemeyer Building, No. 26 Cortlandt street, when they want to see us personally.

Office hours from 9 A. M. to 4 P. M.

The article on Sebright Bantams appearing in this number, was lifted bodily from a recent issue of the celebrated English publication, The Feathered World. The individual in charge of the office shears hereby gives notice that the instrument in question will be used upon the least provocation, especially when the matter to be appropriated is of sufficient merit to warrant such a course. In every instance due credit will be given to the source from which the article was secured, for we thoroughly believe in the policy of the New York Sun of using the other fellow's stuff if it is clever, but religiously giving credit to whom credit is due.

The "Backyard Fanciers' Column" will soon be a feature of The American Fancier. The chief contributor will be a true American boy, who will tell his story in his own way. Photographer Lewis is to take a snap shot of the boy, his coop and his chickens, and the boy will frame up his tale. There are lots of other boys that the boy is going to tell of, and perhaps he will deal out an article once in a while about some girls who rear standardbred stock.

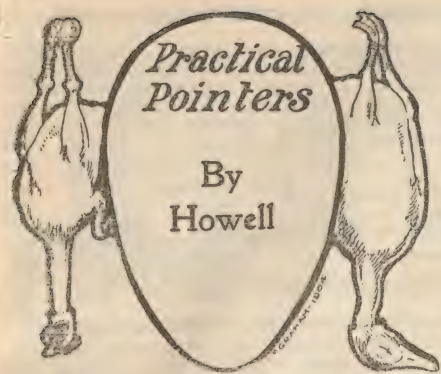
Try to vary making mash for your chickens. For instance, use salt and pepper at one time, onions at another. Water in which meat has been boiled is excellent, and is heartily enjoyed by the fowls. Powdered charcoal put in the mash absorbs poisonous gases in the intestines and is a fine medicine for indigestion.

We hope that some of our readers who have tried cloth windows during the past season will give us an article upon the outcome of their experiments. The best article will obtain The American Fancier free for one year to the writer.

Kill or market the egg-eating or feather-pulling hen at once. Such a hen teaches a bad fault to the rest of the flock.

The old notion that old hens will produce better and stronger chicks than a young hen has been exploded.

Culling is one of the most important requisites in successful poultry breeding.



We have a White Leghorn Fancier in this community who has about solved the winter egg question, from less than three hundred hens a daily output of ten dozen eggs has been reached. This ought to be a consoling item to those whose flocks have not laid ten dozen during the winter.

GEORGE E. HOWELL,
Howell, N. Y.

Advantages of the Trap Nest.

Among the foremost aids which contribute greatly to further the desired ends of the modern poultryman must be counted the trap nest. Its worth to all classes of poultrymen can scarcely be overestimated. Its adoption is fully as significant an event to the poultry world as was the utilization of electricity to the scientific world. With its coming the dark ages of poultrydom are brought to a close and a new era is ushered in. The ancient way of keeping poultry in a haphazard manner is rapidly being supplanted by the accurate scientific method. The trap nest is advantageous to all classes of poultrymen—the fancier, the market poultryman and the farmer. It has passed the experimental stage and is rapidly being adopted by many poultrymen.

The trap nest is, to the market poultryman, an indispensable aid. The egg farmer should know the laying qualities of each individual hen. This can be accomplished only with the aid of the trap nest. It tells which hen lays the most eggs, it enables one to pick out the hen which lays the fewest and it points out the drone. The poultryman should base his poultry breeding on the old axiom that like produces like. It is only by breeding from birds in which the best qualities have been intensified that any progress can be made and perfection nearer approached. How, then, is the market poultryman to know the birds from which to breed if he is totally ignorant of the laying qualities of the individual birds? It is impossible to make much progress by breeding in this haphazard, time-honored fashion. The heavy laying hen should be used for breeding purposes and the drone sent to the block. When breeding fowls in this manner, the breeder should mate to his best hens a male bird which is a direct descendant of heavy laying fowls. By breeding from fowls of known laying value, a strain that would be valuable acquisition to any market poultryman may be established in a few years.

The fancier will profit much by the use of a practical trap nesting system. It will enable him to breed from the fowls whose eggs produce the greatest number of exhibition birds. He may also detect the hen which lays the infertile eggs and remove her from the breeding pen. By pedigreering his birds he may, in time, build up an excellent strain of standardbred birds.

One erroneous idea which is prevalent among poultrymen is that trap nests require a great amount of time which necessitates greatly increased labor. This is not the case. It is claimed by a good authority that one man can, during the busy season, care for two thousand to two thousand five hundred hens using trap nests. With good trap nests, situated in convenient portions of the poultry house, it is a very easy task for the average poultryman to care for them—release the

hen and note the number of her leg band.

Where the trap is used the hens are prevented from engaging in the aggravating habit of egg eating. The first hen which begins to eat eggs may be removed from the remainder of the flock and the other members of the flock thus prevented from beginning the habit.

Hens do not shun a good trap nest; on the contrary they take kindly to it. The trap nest being darkened gives the hen seclusion and prevents the other members of the flock from annoying her. The nests will also prevent many eggs from being broken by several hens crowding on the nest at the same time.

For the poultryman who hatches his eggs with sitting hens, the trap nest is a great aid. With each hen given a separate nest and the remainder of the flock kept from them, the chances for a favorable hatch are greatly increased. The sitting hens are prevented from leaving the nest which, in cold weather, would chill the eggs. It is much less trouble to care for sitting hens kept in this manner than in any other.

By using the trap nests the fowls will become accustomed to handling and will become less excitable. The breeder can readily note any birds which may not be in the best condition and can promptly remove them from the pen. By the frequent removing of the hens from the nest, broodiness in the heavy varieties of fowls may be discouraged.

When a poultryman is thinking of installing trap nests he should carefully investigate the various makes and mentally weigh their merits. The amount of time required to care for trap nests will amount to considerable in the aggregate, therefore it behooves the poultryman to select the most convenient trap nest on the market. The trap nest should be accurate; an unreliable trap nest is worse than one at all. The nest should not be complicated in construction or in operation. While the cost of the nest should be taken into consideration, the lowest price nest is not always the cheapest in the end. It is best to consider the more important points first. A nest with double compartments is the best. With such a nest it is impossible for the hen to break the egg. This is a great advantage and will prove satisfactory to any poultry raiser.

The writer has had practical experience with trap nests for several years and is convinced of their manifold advantages. To many poultryman the advantages are evident for there are many breeders who are enthusiastic in their praise of them. There is a superabundance of proof of the trap nest's worth. To many, no doubt, will come this thought: "What is the use of all this extra amount of work made necessary by the trap nest?" It this: The poultryman who would command top prices for his products and who would derive returns from his poultry must, of necessity, keep abreast of the times, for the moment he becomes lax in his work some more enterprising competitor will forge ahead of him to the front. The breeder who installs trap nests will have taken a most important step forward.

R. H. JONES,
Hillsboro, Illinois.

Defends the Score Card.

Editor of The American Fancier:

I have been a breeder and exhibitor of pure bred poultry in a small way for my own pleasure for fifteen years and a subscriber to the good old American Fancier nearly half that time. I have been much interested in the articles which appear from time to time by the advocates of score card and comparison judging. Now, Brother Drenstedt it seems to me you pick out the defect in score card judging and overlook some very similar ones in Comparison Judging. You say no two Judges can score the same bird alike. Can the Comparison Judges do any better? Look in the November 5, 1905 issue of The American Fancier in the report of the St. Louis Show. For instance, D. Lincoln Orr on White Wyandottes says: "2d cock could have change places with the 1st hen was in the writers opinion the best in the show. 3d cockrel was worthy of a higher place. 2d pullet would prefer to 1st." Edwin H. Morris says of Buff Opringtons: "A good display but badly handled by Judge, an unnoticed cockerel being far ahead of the lot, and in hens if 2d was 1st and 5th and 6th was 3d and an unnoticed one 4th, true merit would have got its due." And so on through the list. Now, if a beginner had taken your advice and paid a good price for some good stock and had raised a nice lot of youngsters and had sent that unnoticed cockerel there and then had read Mr. Morris's report, wouldn't he have wondered what defects it was the Judge saw, but if he had a card he would have compared the cut with the different sections of the bird and got the Judges' ideas.

D. D. HAINES.

This is the season of the year when secretaries of county fairs begin to look about for judges, and they should be careful in their selection. The friend of a politician don't go now-a-days. The fellow who is a true fancier is the fellow for judge.

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The camera seems to be playing an important part in the new style poultry journalism. Under its baneful influence the space writer of the good old days has ceased to exist, and where he formerly held sway we find a few pictures to amuse the children and rest the eyes of the elders.

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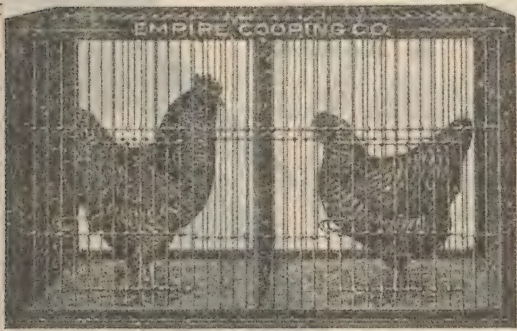
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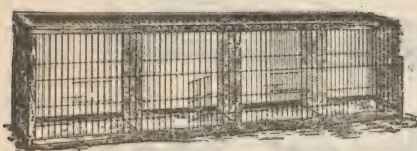
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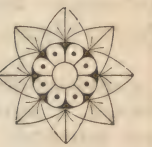
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In gold Sebrights the difficulty of getting sharp, green-black lacing is greater than in silvers, as golden-bay and black are by no means so great a contrast as white and black. There is no such color as true black in na-



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ture, black being in reality a mixture of various shades very closely allied to brown. Still, taking all this into consideration, gold Sebrights, with few exceptions, are not nearly so good as silvers in quality of lacing, and there is a wide field for gold Sebright breeders to produce a strain of really soundly-laced golds.

The gold cocks especially fail terribly in lacing, and I advise breeders to get golds even too heavy in lacing, if it is of the correct green-black color, before trying to breed for the very lacing which is so often brown-black or mossy. Mr. S. Bowler exhibited the best gold Sebright at the Crystal Palace, 1904, I have ever seen.

Shape of the Body Feathers.—In all past descriptions of the feathering of Sebrights, the feathers have been described as short and well rounded at the tips. Does such a strain as this exist, which possesses quality in any other respect? All I have seen are more or less uneven in lacing, if properly examined. Members of the Sebright Club are agreed that the feathers should be as wide and short as possible, but almond or wedge-shaped. This shows the contrast between the ground color and its black edging to most advantage, and the lacing up the sides of the feathers will bear much closer inspection than that in the round-feathered specimens. Narrow feathering, however, is much to be condemned, as it is usual for such Sebrights to be too long and sharp in the neck hackle, saddle hackle, and to possess sickle feathers in the tail, besides long backs and long legs.

In shape the feathers of the cock

and hen should be exactly the same, the cock being what is called hen-feathered. The first or upper two tail feathers may be a little longer than the remaining feathers, but this is an advantage rather than otherwise in the breeding pen. These slightly sickle-tailed cocks are invariably the best stock-getters. The wider the tail feathers are the better. Very often cocks with the best show tails—i. e., short and square—are absolutely no use in the breeding pen, but there are many exceptions to this rule.

Head Properties.—The head should be short from back to front, and of moderate width; small and perky-looking. The comb broad in front, tapering gradually backwards into a spike of moderate length and substance, which follows the shape of the back of the head, but ought not to lie on the skull like the comb of a Wyandotte. Helmet-shaped is the expres-



Finely Laced Breast.

sion used to describe this formation of comb. The surface of the comb is well serrated, and not spiky. Spiky combs take away from the cobby appearance of the Bantam. In cocks the combs are crimson-red in color; in hens, dark purple or mulberry. Hen Sebrights frequently have combs which are red in color, but preference must be given to the mulberry comb. The iris of the eye should be very dark brown, almost black or bull-eyed.

The face and ear-lobes are smooth and fine in texture, dark red in the cocks, with the exception of the cere, which ought to be a mulberry color,

and mulberry colored in the hens. White patches in the ear-lobes are considered a great blemish, although fifty or more years ago great efforts were made to get white ear-lobes on



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Sebrights by introducing rosecomb blood. We have quite enough properties to breed for without the addition of white ear-lobes. The wattles are of medium size, fine, smooth, well rounded, red in the cocks, mulberry in the hens. Very large combs and wattles take away from the smart look of a Sebright, and are not to be encouraged. The beak is short, moderately stout, curved slightly downwards, and horn colored.

The neck should be short and thick, small at the junction with the head, rapidly thickening out towards the breast, which is broad and prominent. The back should be short and flat, broad across the shoulders, narrowing in a short and graceful curve towards the tail, the setting of which is also proportionately thick. Narrow-shouldered, long-backed Sebrights are far too common, and usually are long in neck and leg.

The wings are large in proportion to the size of the bird, held firmly to the sides, and are carried drooping towards the heels, as in rosecombs. The thighs and legs are short and fine in bone; the feet four-toed, of moderate size. The legs and feet are covered with fine, smooth, slaty-blue colored scales, and quite devoid of feathering. The toe-nails horn-colored.

In shape the Sebright is cobby all over, and in carriage quite distinct from any other breed of Bantam. The head is well carried back, the breast very prominent, showing the lacing on the feathers distinctly from the throat right down to the thighs. The tail is well carried over the back, almost

touching the back of the head, well spread out, showing every feather, resembling very much the carriage of a Fantail pigeon. He is a vain little bird, but as plucky as he is vain, and without a moment's hesitation will tackle the largest fowl that comes within sight.

In size there is a great difference of opinion. Personally, I believe in moderation in size, as very small birds are of no use for stock purposes. About one pound and a half is the outside limit for cocks, less, of course, for hens. Apparent size is the best guide in judging. A perfectly-shapen, short-legged bird will pass with much more weight than a long-legged, unshapely specimen.

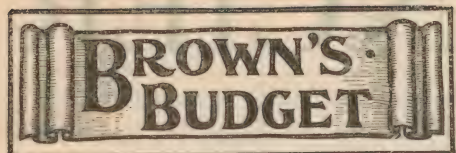
In judging Sebrights, do not imagine that you can select the winners by walking up and down in front of the pens and poking at the birds with a judging-stick. Every one of the exhibits that looks at all well on the first glance through must be handled and faults looked for, beginning with the head, and ending with the tail feathers, where blemishes are most frequently passed over. Reporters who have to give their opinion on the exhibits frequently criticise adversely the awards given by the judge. They, in most cases, are not allowed to handle the birds, and cannot see why an apparently good bird to all outward appearances has not been placed in the money. In judging, it is also important to bear in mind the difference between the feathering in young Sebrights as compared with that of mature birds. Cockerels and pullets in their first year are more heavily and not so sharply laced as they are likely to be in their second year. The lacing usually gets finer with each successive moult. In aged birds the lacing loses its density and sheen, and looks quite faded.

(To be Continued)

The lazy hen occupies about the same position in the hennery that the lazy man does in the hennery. The only distinction is that the lazy man usually goes to the almshouse and the lazy hen should be mixed up in a pot pie.

The lack of vitality in eggs is often due to the breeding stock, the parents lacking vitality, or the conditions surrounding them being such as to impair the strength of the germs.

The successful fancier has many obstacles to contend with, but "stick to it-tiveness" will go a long ways to swing success.



A good S-say for the poultry yard: System, Sobriety, Satisfaction, Skill, Success, Snug, Seek, Seasonable, Study, Service, Sentiment, Sagacity, Sympathy, Superiority, Score, Sand, Strain, Scope, Sanitary.

Conveniences and handy devices are always a source of both satisfaction and economy. Little things are the factors in the cog wheel of success in all branches of poultry industry, the neglect of one may put out of gear the entire machinery.

An authority says he does not trust the religion of the Deacon who is a shrewd horse trader. Miller Purvis has declared he "would not thank the man to pray for him who lets his fowls roost out doors or in a cold house." A colored camp meeting in a neighborhood enables the hardware store to dispose of all pad-locks on hand, and all ancient firearms are re-loaded.

It's enough to disgust the hens as well as the poultrymen. The idea of eggs selling at 12 cents a dozen whole-sale in February. Prices of feed high, as usual. That's what cold storage and the open winter accomplished. Can't the poultrymen make a combine to corner these cold storage egg dealers?

Remember now if you are managing a brooder that you can cause losses by too much heat as well as too little. When a heat of 98 degrees is wanted for young chicks to brood in at night, it means that degree of heat is what is wanted after the heat of the bodies has increased the temperature all it will in the brooders. Consequently an allowance should be made as to how much heat is really necessary before the chicks go in. It might be 75 or 80 degrees. After chicks have been in for half an hour, see what the temperature is and then lower or raise flame of lamp to secure the desired temperature.

An old English authority says, "All hens that are inclined to set should be allowed to hatch and bring up one brood of chickens a year; for, if altogether restrained from sitting, a hen suffers much in moulting, and is restless and excited for the remainder of the season." If this is so the non-incubating breeds must have a time of it in moulting. Perhaps, just only perhaps, this is the reason for the fall starving of birds to induce rapid or early moulting.

Anyone can set a hen, some people say. Of course they mean if the hen is willing. Trying to make a hen sit on eggs when she does not conclude to be accomodating will make the best man a backslider. An Irishman tried to make a contrary hen set and declared, "She would only sit standing." Be patient and gentle with broody hens, make no quick motions around them. Let them take their own time to settle down on a new nest you may have removed them to. The surroundings are strange, she must realize she

is in no danger. If you have been banging her off the nest because she was broody, she hasn't got any settled opinion of your actions, and is justly suspicious.

Protect the early hatched chicks from the winds. March winds are too severe on young chicks. If they are put out with a hen, arrange to have the coop face the South. In front of the coop use boards eight inches wide, set up, so to lay a window sash on them. This will make a nice little sunny run out of the wind. Sunshine means health and happiness to the little chirpers.

There should be no such thing as wild domestic fowls. What makes fowls, any breed, so scary or wild is the way they have been cared for. Leghorns are a breed that are active, always lively, and ready to forage for food. Some people say they are nervous. Well, we have seen some flocks that were nervous—but the way they were handled (cared for), would have crazed wooden decoy ducks. We have seen women keeping Brown and White Leghorns that had them so tame they could pick up any bird at will.

Progress in poultry raising—well, I guess so, when you hear farmers discussing about incubators, and are as "glib" on the subject as they are about farm crops. Some farmers are "getting on" to poultry raising in a great way. At a recent farmers' club meeting in this State a woman declared that she had made more money from her small flock of fowls than from their dairy cows. Instead of pin money or grocery supplies the returns from the fowls becomes a handsome income of profit.

The writer would like to have the circulars of all incubator makers. Address, G. O. Brown, Parkville, Md.

I have just read reason No. 329 why chicks die in the shell. There seems to be so many reasons, there is no wonder they can't live. Then again there is a chance that these advanced theories are, after all, somewhat theories or different ideas of different people. "Doubtful things are mighty uncertain."

Perhaps the man who has been feeding his hens all winter, forcing egg production, and then along in March sets hens should expect trouble. Eggs from hens that have been thus forced contain many reasons for not hatching. When they do hatch, strong chicks should not be expected. You can not force nature too far. Strong chicks should not be expected from eggs laid in the spring by hens that have been forced to produce winter eggs also.

The question is often asked how much grain should be fed to a dozen hens each day, etc. It is difficult to determine the proper amount. Besides it is not best to feed each day just exactly the same allowance. Watch the flock and note whether you think they require more or less than a certain stipulated quantity. It is always preferable to feed more than one kind of grain at night feed. Some hens have a preference. Mix common sense with your feeding.

TUMBLERS.

Frillback in the Kennel, the Farm, the Poultry Yard.

The first named variety has gone down very considerably in favor among Irish fanciers of late years, and nowadays very few representatives of it are to be met with at any of our shows. One reason why this is, I think, should be attributed to the fact that, as a general rule, beards are usually classed along with balds. The classification of all, or nearly all, our shows reads "balds or beards," and nine out of every ten judges will give the bald the preference, so that fanciers have no chance with this pretty bird. It would certainly be better to relegate it to the many different varieties found in the "any other variety" class, where it would almost stand a better chance of distinguishing itself.

Beards are to be found both short and long-faced, but the few that are to be met with in our midst belong chiefly to that latter variety. I really don't think we have a good short-faced beard in Ireland, and even in England the fanciers of the short-faced beard are few and far between.

The beard is met with in all the colors of the bald, such as blacks, blues, reds, yellows, silvers, etc. The marking or "beard" from which the variety has been named is a small patch of white at the throat, just below the beak. This "patch" must be nice and evenly formed, and extend from eye to eye; that is, commencing under one eye and running underneath (under the beak it should be about half an inch wide) right around to the other eye. It must be exactly the same on both cheeks, and the edges cannot be too even; any raggedness spoils the whole appearance.

Some of the early fanciers advocated a line of colored feathers running down the centre of the beard, thus dividing it equally into two parts. This certainly would make the breeding of this variety very much harder, but it never found any favor, so that what is wanted is a nice white patch, without any colored feathers appearing in it whatever. The flights are the next. These should be just as in the bald, they should be ten each side, but this they seldom are. Eight a side is considered good, yet ten a side has been got before now, so that it is not an impossibility. Fanciers of this variety therefore should not be content without trying to reach the highest standard, viz., ten a side.

The tail ought also to be white, and not showing any colored feathers, but this point does not present much difficulty. The beard differs from the bald in the next point, viz., the marking on the legs. Whereas the latter should be quite clean thighed, the beard should be only white on the stockings, that is, the lower extremity of thighs should be white, and all the rest marked the same as the upper portion of its body.

The eye of the beard ought to be a nice clear pearl, and the beak and beak wattle fine. The color of the beak depends upon the color of the birds—in blacks and blues the upper mandible should be black or nearly so, and the lower one flesh colored; while in reds and yellows, and also in silvers, the whole beak is usually flesh colored.

The beard is a very hardy variety, and is a capital bird for the young

fancier to make a start with. They are very prolific, and good nurses, and make grand feeders for some of the more delicate varieties, as they are of gentle disposition. I need scarcely say anything with reference to their color, as my remarks on the bald will apply equally well here.

Another very handsome variety of the Tumbler family, and one that is cultivated to a considerable extent by a great number of fanciers, is that commonly called "Selfs." As the name implies, they are the one color throughout the entire body; they are also to be found both short-faced and long, but I will deal only just now with the latter, the principal points of which are color and shape.

The face, as it is generally called, must be neither too long nor too short, but a happy medium, which is termed pleasant faced. The color, no matter what shade it is, must be of a very deep hue, and run consistent all over the body. It is hard to get the tail and flights of the same rich color as the remainder of the body.

In breeding this point must be kept constantly in view, and no two birds both deficient in this point ought to be mated together. The principal colors in which this variety is met are blacks, reds and yellows. The blacks should present that nice metallic lustre all over the body, which gives this color a very handsome appearance; the other shades ought to be as deep as it is possible to get them.

Selfs are a variety that here in Ireland have made great headway during the last few years. The display they made at the late Rotunda show will be still green in the minds of such Tumbler fanciers as attended that show. Both numerically and from the point of view of quality the turn out made by them on that occasion was very creditable indeed.

The tumbling propensities of this variety also is a thing of the past, with very few exceptions indeed, as it is a thing that cannot be tested in a show pen, therefore the fancier's whole attention is directed to the production of the deepest color procurable in connection with good shape and carriage.

A NUTMEG STATE STORY.

Policeman Joseph Lussier, of Williamantic, Conn., has a queer freak chicken. The question which perplexes the observer is whether the freak is a hen or a duck. The hen-duck was hatched last May, and it has always borne the eccentricities herewith described. Its breed is the White Wyandotte. It has the head of a pullet and other characteristics, but its walk, posture, &c., are like the duck's. When walking its body assumes the upright position. Its tail is short and stubby, and has that peculiar wag such as only the duck can give it, and its legs and feet resemble those of a duck, though the feet lack a web. When it tries to cackle it makes a sound which is seemingly a mixture of a cackle and a quack. It eats from the ground like a duck and drinks a great amount of water. As yet the freak has not laid an egg or essayed to swim, and these may determine later to which family it belongs.

A poor incubator will sometimes hatch good eggs, but a good machine will never hatch poor eggs.

For Sale: 20,000 New York Farms

State Agricultural Department Wants to Aid Buyers in Selecting and Working Them

(N. Y. Tribune, March 4th.)

Desirable homes and healthful, profitable employment at man's primeval occupation, the tilling of the soil, can be obtained in New York State for thousands at bargain counter rates. More, the State itself is willing to help in the choice of homes and the obtaining of employment, while any politician will tell you that the "farmer is the State's particular pet."

Under these conditions, there would seem to be little reason why farms should go a-begging, and yet Commissioner Wieting, of the State Department of Agriculture, says that twenty thousand farms in this State are for sale. Most of them are unoccupied, and the prices asked are sometimes much less than the worth of the buildings on them. And the opportunities offered by these farms, he declares, are equal to any of the much vaunted farm lands in the West.

So serious does the State consider this question of abandoned farms, with its economic and political ramifications, that the Department of Agriculture is maintaining as a side issue a department of information regarding these farms, in connection with which is a sort of self-help bureau. The department prints bulletins giving all details in regard to these farms and agricultural conditions in the different parts of the State. The department will aid in the obtaining of tenants for farms, and when possible, help laborers to find farms they may work on shares.

"There's no reason why any man should go West for farms," said Commissioner Wieting to a Tribune correspondent, in discussing the subject. "Right here in New York State we can give him farms as desirable in every way, save, perhaps, in actual size, as anything the West can show, and we have in addition advantages in the way of railroads, roads, postal deliveries and educational facilities which surpass most agricultural regions of the West.

"Great portions of New York State, with rolling hillsides and fertile land, are just as available for grazing and stock farming as any other part of the United States. New York has fame as a dairy State. There's no reason why she shouldn't be as famous for sheep raising, except, perhaps, for the cur dogs which infest most country regions. I wish the bill which was put in a few days ago for the licensing or killing of dogs could be passed and enforced.

"The department is making an earnest effort," went on the Commissioner, "to repopulate the deserted farms and to let their advantages be known. We are trying systematically to induce agricultural people to settle in these regions. There's no mystery about the desertion of the farms—the expansion of business in all lines in the last ten years, mercantile, manufacturing and all kinds of improvements, have drawn the young men and the women alike from the farms and semi-rural districts. Many have deserted New York State and other States in the East, attracted by the

advertisements of the railroad companies telling of the beauties and advantages of the Western States and Canada. They have turned westward even the aliens who naturally would have come to interior New York.

"Now the State is going to try a little publicity on its own account. Probably fifty thousand farm workers can find immediate employment on the farms in this State, either as laborers or to work on shares. Anybody who wants to buy a farm, no matter what size or price, can be suited from the assortment we have catalogued and the additions which we obtain from time to time. And the advantages we put forth as arguments are not mythical.

"You can buy in some of the hill country land for, say, \$5 an acre, \$5,000 for 1,000 acres, a farm big enough for anybody to start on, which would be very profitable for sheep raising almost from the very beginning. You have your water, your grass, all the wood necessary on your farm; all you need is care and knowledge and a warm place to bring out early mutton and protection against the cur dogs. Then you get your profit. I'd like to take some of the land myself under those conditions.

"There's an excellent opportunity for the formation of small syndicates to take up this land—a good business proposition in any way. And grazing is not the only variety of farming which we can offer. You can get your fruit farms down around Poughkeepsie, or your mountain lands up in the Adirondack region. We'll point out dairy farms, poultry farms, hay farms, grain fields, and farms, just plain, general utility farms, of all sizes and prices. To use the advertising phrase, we aim to please.

"No one need fear to apply because we might not suit him. The difficulty now is to get the applicants. The aim of the department is to urge and encourage the better class of immigrants to settle on these farms, either as laborers or owners. We want especially the people from the north of Europe, the Swedes, the Norwegians and the North Germans—natural agriculturalists. They can find here conditions they never dreamed of at home, and we can give them better advantages than Minnesota, for instance, or the Dakotas, where so many of the Scandinavians settle.

"The department is making systematic effort to induce them to settle with us. We are working in co-operation with the various church mission societies and the immigrants' industrial organizations. We let our information spread around among these organizations, and answer their inquiries. We try to obtain employment and homes for any of the immigrants they may refer to us. The advantages we can show to them seem so apparent that it looks like only a question of time when we will get our farms occupied.

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FULL LIST OF AWARDS GIVEN AT THE LENOX EXHIBITION.

The twelfth annual exhibition held at Lenox, Mass., January 9-11, was a grand success, both as to the number of birds and the financial outcome. There were over eight hundred entries, and the competition was of the keenest in some of the classes.

The classes were penned as follows: Light Brahmas, 15; Orphingtons, 32; White Plymouth Rocks, 44; Buff Plymouth Rocks, 45; Barred Rocks, 40; White Wyandottes, 39; Buff Wyandottes, 23; Rhode Island Reds, 85; Brown Leghorns, 40; Hamburgs, 20; Indian Games, 26; Standard Games, 45; Bantams, 104.

One of the notable exhibits was that of tiers of bears, eagles, foxes, raccoons, owls, pheasants, and Irish squirrels, all of which were alive and in their own skins.

The following were the awards:

LIGHT BRAHMAS—Cock 1 R. C. Congdon, 2 Elmcourt Farm; hen 1, 2 Elmcourt Farm, 3, 4 Congdon; pullet 1 Congdon; pen 1 P. Tyer.

BUFF COCHINS—Cock 1 A. L. Cutting, 2 H. H. Demont; hen 1 Cutting, 2 Demont; pullet 1 Cutting.

BUFF ORPINGTONS—Ckl 1, 2, 3 Griswold & Adams, 4 L. C. Pinney; pullet 1, 2 Griswold & Adams, 3 Pinney; pen 1 Griswold & Adams, 1 Valley Gate Farm, 3 Robt. Whitaker.

BLACK ORPINGTONS—Ckl 1, pullet 1, pen 1 Valley Gate Farm.

PARTRIDGE COCHINS—Cock 1, hen 1, ckl 1, 2, 3, pullet 1, 2, 3, pen 1 R. M. Dowd.

BLACK LANGSHANS—Cock 1 P. Tyer; hen 1 Tyer, 2 Jos. Keefer; pullet 1 Keefer.

RHODE ISLAND WHITES—Ckl 1, pullet 1 R. C. Congdon.

AMERICAN DONNUGUES—Hen 1 W. M. Shaylor; ckl 1, 3, 4 Shaylor, 2 L. A. Austin; pullet 1 Austin, 2 Shaylor.

HOUDANS—Cock 1 N. H. Hyde; hen 1 Jos. Keefer; ckl 1 M. J. Towney; pullet 1 Towney, 2 Keefer.

WHITE P. ROCKS—Cock 1 James Tetlow, 2 W. H. Shaylor, 3, 4 N. C. Messo, 4 S. P. Briggs; hen 1 Briggs, 2, 3 Tetlow; ckl 1 Messo, 2 Weston Wade, 3 Thos. Post, 4 Briggs; pullet 1, 3 Messo, 2 Tetlow, 4 Briggs; pen 1 N. C. Messo, 2 Briggs.

BUFF P. ROCKS—Cock 1 B. N. Duclos, 2 Thos. Briant, 3 Wilson & Hall; hen 1 Duclos, 2, 4 Briant, 3 Wilson & Hall; pullet 1, 2, 4 Briant, 3 Duclos; pen 1 Briant, 2 Duclos, 3 Wilson & Hall.

BARRED P. ROCKS—Cock 1, 3 S. W. Woodward, 2 R. H. Messenger; hen 1 Elmcourt Farms, 2, 4 Woodward, 3 Wm. J. Welsh; ckl 1, 3 Woodward, 2 Messenger, 4 W. D. Curtis; pullet 1, 2 Woodward, 3 Welsh, 4 Curtis.

WHITE WYANDOTTES—Cock 1 C. H. Willis, 2 Sam. M. Fox, 3 Harry M. Albro, 4 John W. Knowles; hen 3, 4 Willis; ckl 1, 2 Fox, 4 Albro; pullet 1, 2, 4 Willis, 3 Fox; pen 1 Valley Gate Farm, 3 Albro, 3 C. W. Hale.

BUFF WYANDOTTES—Cock 1 Chas. Berndt, 2 Mrs. Geo. Wilcox, 3 R. M. Dowd, 4 N. W. Hyde; hen 1 Berndt, 2 Dowd; ckl 1, 2 Berndt, 3 Hyde; pullet 1, 2 Berndt, 3, 4 Wilcox; pen 1 Berndt.

GOLDEN WYANDOTTES—Cock 1 S. P. Briggs; hen 1 Fernbrook Farm, 2 Briggs; ckl 1 John Baker, 2 Briggs; pullet 1 Briggs, 2 Baker, 3 Fernbrook Farm; pen 1 Briggs.

COLUMBIAN WYANDOTTES—Cock 1 H. G. Oles; hen 1 Oles; ckl 1 Oles, 2 Briggs; pullet 1 Oles, 2 Briggs.

PARTRIDGE WYANDOTTES—Cock 1, 2, 3, hen 1, 2, 3, ckl 1, 2, 3, pullet 1, 2, 3, pen 1 S. P. Briggs.

ANCONAS—Pen 1 Geo. Crew.

R. C. R. I. REDS—Cock 1 Glenburvine Farm, 2 John Baker, 3 W. A. Dickinson & Son; hen 1 W. D. Curtis, 2, 4 Glenburvine Farm, 3 Dickinson & Son; ckl 1 Curtis, 2 Pinecroft Farm, 3 W. J. Welsh, 4 Dickinson & Son; pullet 1 Pinecroft Farm, 2 T. W. Broderich, 3 Dickinson & Son, 4 Welsh; pen 1 Curtis, 2 Glenburvine Farm, 3 Dickinson & Son.

S. C. R. I. REDS—Cock 1, 3 S. P. Briggs, 2 M. R. Cunningham, 4 W. A. Dickinson & Son; hen 1, 3 Briggs, 2 S. C. Burghardt, 4 Dickinson & Son; ckl 1 Dickinson & Son, 2 Burghardt, 3 Briggs, 4 N. W. Hyde; pullet 1, 2 Burghardt, 3 Briggs, 4 Curtis; pen 1 Briggs, 2 Dickinson & Son.

R. C. WHITE LEGHORNS—Ckl 1, 2, 3 Sam. L. Bartlett.

S. C. WHITE LEGHORNS—Cock 1 Elmcourt Farm; hen 1 Elmcourt Farm; ckl 1 A. L. Cutting; pullet 1 Elmcourt Farm, 2 Cutting, 3 Fernbrook Farm.

S. C. BROWN LEGHORNS—Cock 1 Ben. F. Clark, 2 N. W. Hyde; hen 1 Clark, 2 J. L. Burt; ckl 1 David Mackey, 2 Elmcourt Farm, 3 T. K. Chaffee; pullet 1 Chaffee, 2, 3, 4 Elmcourt Farms; pen 1 Chaffee, 2 Clark.

R. C. BROWN LEGHORNS—Cock 2 John P. Kirby; hen 1 A. L. Cutting, 2, 3 Kirby; ckl 1, 2, 3 R. E. Engleman; pullet 1 W. Peck.

S. C. BUFF LEGHORNS—Hen 1 S. P. Briggs, 2, 3 J. H. Knowles; ckl 1 Briggs; pullet 1 Geo. E. Blake, 2 Briggs; pen 1 Briggs.

S. C. BLACK MINORCAS—Cock 1 Elmcourt Farm; hen 1 Elmcourt Farm, 2, 3 Fernbrook Farm, 4 W. A. Dickinson & Son; ckl 1 H. M. Albro; pullet 1 Dickinson & Son.

R. C. BLACK MINORCAS—Cock 1 R. M. Dowd, 2 N. W. Hyde; hen 1 Dowd; ckl 1 Dowd, 2 S. P. Briggs; pullet 1 Briggs, 2 Dowd; pen 1 Briggs.

GOLDEN P. HAMBURG—Cock 1, hen 1, 2, 3, ckl 1, pullet 1, 2, 3 R. M. Dowd.

S. S. HAMBURG—Cock 1 M. R. Cunningham, 2 Elmcourt Farm, 3 C. E. Humes; hen 1 Cunningham, 2 Elmcourt Farm; ckl 1 Elmcourt Farm, 2 Cunningham; pullet 1 Elmcourt Farm, 2 Humes, 3 Cunningham.

W. C. BLACK POLISH—Cock 1 Jos. Keefer; hen 1, 2 W. H. Demont, 3 Keefer.

BUFF L. POLISH—Cock 1 Paul S. Palmer.

COLOR DORKING—Hen 1 R. M. Dowd.

WHITE INDIAN GAMES—Cock 1 John Baker; hen 1, 3 Elmcourt Farm, 2 Baker; ckl 1 Thos. L. Sedgwick, 2 Baker, 3 Elmcourt Farm; pullet 1 Baker, 2, 3 Elmcourt Farm, 4 Sedgwick.

CORNISH INDIAN GAMES—Cock 1 C. H. Willis; hen 1, 2 Willis; ckl 1, 3 Paul S. Palmer, 2 Elmcourt Farm; pullet 1 Willis, 2, 3 Palmer.

PIT GAMES—Cock 1 Clarke Bros., 2, 3 Elmcourt Farm; hen 1, 3 Elmcourt Farm, 2 Clarke Bros.; ckl 1 Clarke Bros; pullet 1 Clarke Bros.

B. B. R. GAMES—Cock 1 J. H. Harder; hen 1 Harder; ckl 1, 2, 4 L. B. Gunn, 3 P. Tyer; pullet 1, 3 Gunn, 2 Tyer.

RED PYLE GAMES—Cock 1 J. D. Harder; hen 1, 2, 3 Harder; ckl 1 Tyer; pullet 1 Tyer, 2, 3, 4 Gunn.

BROWN RED GAMES—Hen 1, 2, 3 J. D. Harder.

GOLDEN D. GAMES—Cock 1, hen 1, ckl 1, pullet 1 J. D. Harder.

SILVER D. GAMES—Ckl 1, pullet 1 J. D. Harder.

BLACK GAMES—Ckl 1, pullet 1 J. D. Harder.

SPANGLE GAMES—Ckl 1, pullet 1 P. Tyer.

FRIZZLES—All first to Tyer.

PEA FOWLS—All first to Tyer.

B. B. R. GAME BANTAMS—Cock 1 R. Englemen, 2 R. M. Dowd, 3 C. H. Willis; hen 1, 2, 3 Englemen, 4 Dowd; ckl 1, 3, 4 Englemen, 2 Jas. Ellis; pullet 1 Ellis, 2, 3 Englemen, 4 C. W. Hale; pen 1 P. Tyer.

RED PYLE GAME BANTAMS—Cock 1 R. M. Dowd, 2 H. M. Albro, 3 P. Tyer; hen 1 Dowd, 2 Tyer; ckl 1 Albro, 2 Tyer; pullet 1 Albro, 2 Tyer.

BUFF COCHIN BANTAMS—Cock 1 A. L. Cutting, 2 F. F. Stevens; hen 1 Stevens, 2 R. M. Dowd, 3 Cutting; ckl 1 R. Englemen; pullet 1 C. W. Hale; pen 1 P. Tyer.

WHITE COCHIN BANTAMS—Cock 1, hen 1, ckl 1, pullet 1 R. M. Dowd.

PARTRIDGE COCHIN BANTAMS—Pullet 1 R. M. Dowd.

W. C. WHITE POLISH BANTAMS—Cock (Bearded) 1, ckl 1, pullet 1 Mrs. Robt. Whitaker.

R. C. BLACK BANTAMS—Cock 1 R. M. Dowd; hen 1 Dowd, 2 A. L. Cutting; ckl 1 Dowd; pullet 1 Dowd.

LIGHT BRAHMA BANTAMS—Cock 1 W. M. Shaylor; hen 1 Shaylor, 2 P. Tyer; pullet 1 Shaylor.

S. S. BANTAMS—Cock 1 R. M. Dowd, 2 W. H. Demont; hen 1 Dowd, 2 Demont; ckl 1 Dowd.

G. S. BANTAM—Cock 1, hen 1 M. R. Cunningham.

BARRED P. ROCK BANTAMS—Cock 1, hen 1, pullet 1 W. M. Shaylor.

SILKIES—Cock 1, pullet 1 Robt. Whitaker.

GOLDEN D. GAME BANTAMS—Pen 1 P. Tyer.

PEKIN DUCKS—1 pair Fernbrook Farm, 2 pair P. Tyer, 3 pair H. E. Heebner.

ROUEN DUCKS—1 pair Glenburvine Farm.

INDIAN RUNNER DUCKS—1 pair P. Tyer, 2 pair Jos. Keefer.

COLOR MUSCOVY DUCKS—1, 2 pairs P. Tyer.

WHITE MUSCOVY DUCKS—1 pair P. Tyer.

BLUE MUSCOVY DUCKS—1, 2 pairs P. Tyer.

WILD DUCKS—1, 2 pair P. Tyer.

TOULOUSE GEESE—1 pair P. Tyer, 2 pair Elmcourt Farm.

ENIDEN GEESE—1 pair P. Tyer.

AFRICAN GEESE—1 pair P. Tyer.

BROWN CHINA GEESE—1 pair P. Tyer.

WHITE CHINA GEESE—1, 2 pair P. Tyer.

BRONZE AND BUFF TURKEYS—All went to P. Tyer.

BELGIAN HARES—1 pr young P. Stickle, 2 pr young M. R. Cunningham, 3, 4 pr young P. Tyer; 1 pr old Stickle, 2 pr old Tyer.

PIGEONS—MAGPIES—1 pair Robert Whitaker, 2 pr W. M. Shaylor.

TRUMPETERS—1, 2, 3 pr R. Engleman.

JACOBINS—All to Duclos.

HOMERS—All to Tyer.

CATS—BLUE ANGORA—1 prize Jessie McLeod.

RACCOON—1st prize Mrs. Edwards.

ANGORA, YELLOW—1st prize P. Tyer.

BLACK CAT—1st prize P. Tyer.

CARIES—All to P. Tyer.

WISCONSIN STATE

POULTRY SHOW.

The ninth annual exhibition of the Wisconsin State Poultry Association was held January 15-20, at Oshkosh. It was by far the largest and most successful show ever held in the State. Over one thousand two hundred head of poultry were on exhibition, and the quality was of the very finest. The large Armory Building was full to overflowing, and Judges McClave and Lambert were busy three days in placing the awards.

In addition to the large display of poultry there were good displays of the leading incubators, brooders and poultry supplies, made by local and out-of-town firms. A most pleasing feature of the show was the large attendance of fanciers from all parts of the State. Many of them were exhibitors, others were present to renew acquaintances, and still others came as buyers. Excellent sales were reported.

Barred Rocks were the leading class with 185 entries. Specimens fit for any competition were on exhibition, and the winners, as well as many that were unplaced, can be counted top notch birds.

White Rocks brought out 125, all pure white well shaped birds. Here again the winners are of first quality.

Buff Rocks, a small class with average quality.

White Wyandottes numbered about 100. Honors were hotly contested, and the winners had to be good ones.

Buff, Golden Laced, Silver Laced, Silver Penciled, Partridge, and Columbian Wyandottes were well represented with some fine birds.

The Light Brahma alley was filled with large typical birds, that scored way up. Partridge Cochins class was strong, and the Black Langshans loomed up as strong as ever. Here were specimens that rank with the best in America.

The display of Leghorns was unusually large. In S. C. and R. C. Whites, S. C. and R. C. Browns, Buffs, and Blacks there were some of the very finest specimens, and quality was uniformly good throughout. The Minorca class is always well filled, this year being no exception to the rule. The winners were large, well shaped birds with good sound color.

The Cornish Indian alley should receive special notice for numbers and quality. After looking at the fine birds on exhibition it was not hard to understand the growing popularity of the breed.

Silver Spangled and Black Hamburgs were of fine quality.

The Rhode Island Reds were out over 100 strong. Many of the winners were of great merit, and the class as a whole was a credit to the breed.

Bantams are always shown in large numbers at the Wisconsin State Show. This year 225 of the little fellows were shown. In Games, Cochins, Sebrights and Japanese the exhibits were excellent. Many of the Bantams shown here have many winnings at the largest shows to their credit. Undoubtedly this was the largest display of the best Bantams in the West this season.

Turkeys and geese were of good quality, though few in numbers.

The complete list of awards follows.

BARRED ROCKS—Cock 1, 2, 3, 4 King Bros., 5 Silver Spring Farms; hen 1 G. W. Oaks, 2 J. H. Bierne & Son, 3 King Bros., 4, 5 Silver Spring Farms; ckl 1, 3, 5 King Bros., 2 Oaks, 4 Dr. Culham; pullet 1, 4 Robt. Adams, 2, 5 King Bros.; pen 1, 3 King Bros., 2 Oaks, 4 Robt. Adams, 5 Silver Spring Farms.

BUFF ROCKS—Cock 1 Bay View Poultry Association; ckl 1 Bay View Poultry Association, 2 N. C. Briester & Son; pullet 1 Bay View Poultry Association, 2, 3 N. C. Briester & Son.

PARTRIDGE ROCKS—All to Henry J. Hunt.

WHITE ROCKS—Cock 1 Carl Krippene, 2 A. J. Shannon, 3 C. M. Rene, 4 Henry Hunt, 5 Chas. Rose; hen 1, 3 Henry Hunt, 2 Chas. Rose, 4 M. C. Gerrard, 5 Carl Krippene; ckl 1 Krippene, 2 E. H. Korner, 3 C. M. Rene, 4 Rose, 5 Hunt; pullet 1, 2, 3 Krippene, 4, 5 Hunt; pen 1 Krippene, 2 Hunt, 3 Gerrard, 4 A. C. Hathaway.

BLACK JAVAS—All to Gerald Townsend.

SILVER PENCILED WYANDOTTES—All to Bay View Poultry Association.

PARTRIDGE WYANDOTTES—Cock 1 Wm. Mertz; hen 1, 2 Mertz; ckl 1 A. M. Wilson, 2, 3, 4 C. M. Barney; pullet 1, 2, 3, 5 Wilson, 4 Barney; pen 1 Wilson.

SILVER LACED WYANDOTTES—Cock 1, Wm. Harvy 2, 3, 4, A. M. Shaw, hen 1, ckl 1, 2, 3, 4 Harry Simpson, 5 Wm. Lutz, pullet 1, 3, 4, Shaw, 5 Lutz.

WHITE WYANDOTTES—Cock 1, GEO. Finch 2 A. F. Griebel, 3, 5, E. A. Schiller, 4, A. M. Shaw hen 1, 2, 4, Schiller 3, Griebel ckl 1, L. W. Kemnitz 2 Bay View Poultry Assn., 3 Otto B. Jordan, 4, Borne & Rice, 5 John Ross, pullet 1, 2, 3, 5 Schiller, 4, Borne & Rice, pen 1, 2, Schiller.

BUFF WYANDOTTES—Hen 1, 2 Wm. Mertz, 3 Frank Blood; ckl 1 Blood, 2 Mertz; pullet 1 Blood, 2, 3 Mertz.

COLUMBIAN WYANDOTTES—Ckl 1 Wm. Roesner, 2 H. C. Hunt; pullet 1 Hunt, 2 Roesner; pen 1 Hunt.

GOLDEN LACED WYANDOTTES—All to Ernest Lang.

AMERICAN DOMINIQUE—Hen 1, 2 John Haynes; ckl 1 Bay View Poultry Assn.; pullet 1, 3 Haynes, 4 Bay View Poultry Assn.

S. C. RHODE ISLAND REDS—Hen 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Fred Badger; ckl 1, 3, 5 W. E. Holmes, 4 B. F. Philbrook, 2 Badger; pullet 1, 3 Holmes, 2 Bay View Poultry Assn., 4, 5 Homer Squab Co.

BUFF ORPINGTONS—Hen 1, 2, 4 John Haynes, Sr., 3 H. E. Rosenow; ckl 1 Rosenow, 2, 3 Bay View Poultry Assn.; pullet 1, 2, 3 Bay View Poultry Assn., 4 Rosenow.

WHITE ORPINGTONS—Cock 1 L. Strueburg; hen 1, 2, 3, 4 Strueburg; ckl 1, 3 Strueburg, 2 Bay View Poultry Assn.; pullet 1, 2, 3 Strueburg, 4, 5 Bay View Poultry Assn.

LIGHT BRAHMAS—Cock 1 Ed. Morris, 2, 3, 4, 5 E. H. Orvis; hen 1, 2, 3, 5 Orvis, 4 Morris; ckl 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Orvis; pullet 1, 2, 3, 5 Orvis, 4 Morris.

PARTRIDGE COCHINS—All went to Mrs. V. M. Stewart.

BLACK LANGSHANS—Cock 1, 3, 4 W. H. Laabs, 2 M. O. Braaten; hen 2, 4, 5 Laabs, 1, 3 Braaten; ckl 1, 3, 5 Laabs, 2, 4 Braaten; pullet 1, 3 Braaten, 2, 4, 5 Laabs; pen 1, 3 Laabs, 2 Braaten.

WHITE LANGSHANS—Hen 1 W. H. Laabs.

CORNISH INDIANS—Cock 1 A. M. Schultz, 2, 3 J. H. Bierne & Son, 4 E. H. Orvis; hen 1 Schultz, 2, 4, 5 Orvis, 3 Bierne & Son; ckl 1, 4 Bierne & Son, 2, 3, 5 Orvis; pullet 1, 2, 3 Bierne & Son, 4 Orvis, 5 Schultz; pen 1 Bierne & Son, 2 Orvis.

S. C. BLACK MINORCAS—Cock 1, 2 Lee & Son, 3 Hassman Yaeger; hen 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Lee & Son; ckl 1, 2, 3, 4 Lee & Son, 5 Bay View Poultry Assn.; pullet 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Lee & Son; pen 1, 2 Lee & Son, 3 Bay View Poultry Assn., 4 Hassman Yaeger, 5 N. A. Bissonett.

R. C. BLACK MINORCAS—Ckl 1 Bay View Poultry Assn.

S. C. BUFF LEGHORNS—Hen 1 H. E. Rosenow; ckl 1, 2 Geo. Oaks, 3 Rosenow, 4 O. H. Becker, 5 Fred Reicht; pullet 1, 2, 3 Oaks, 4 Reicht, 5 Rosenow.

R. C. BROWN LEGHORNS—Cock 1, 2, 5 Fred Alger, 3 Bay View Poultry Assn., 4 J. C. Schultz; hen 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Fred Alger; ckl 1, 2, 3 Alger, 4, 5 Schultz; pullet 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Alger; pens 1, 2 Alger.

S. C. WHITE LEGHORNS—Cock 1, 2 W. B. Rieder, 3 G. E. Greenwood, 4 Albert Zier; hen 1 J. G. Walwood, 2, 5 Greenwood, 3 Zier, 4 S. F. Taylor; ckl 1 W. E. Holmes, 2 Greenwood, 3 Bay View Poultry Assn., 4 G. H. Becker, 5 A. H. McIntyre; pullet 1, 3 Walwood, 2 Greenwood, 4 Taylor, 5 Becker; pen 1 Walwood, 2 Greenwood, 3 Ernest Lang, 4 Taylor.

S. C. BLACK LEGHORNS—Cock 1 F. A. Allen; hen 1 T. A. Reynolds, 2, 3 Allen; ckl 1 Allen, 2 Reynolds; pullet 1, 3, 4 Allen, 2 Reynolds.

S. C. BROWN LEGHORNS—Cock 1 G. W. Lansman, 2 J. H. Bierne & Son; hen 1, 2 A. J. Klein, 3, 5 T. W. Umbrecht, 4 Bierne & Son; ckl 1 Bierne & Son, 2 Klein, 3 S. F. Taylor, 4 G. W. Lansman 5 Umbrecht; pullet 1 Bierne

& Son, 2 Taylor, 3, 4 Klein, 5 Umbrecht; pen 1 Bierre & Son, 2 Klein, 3 Taylor, 4 Homer Squab Co.

R. C. WHITE LEGHORNS—Hen 1 P. Simsen, 2, 3, 4, 5 W. F. Sommerfield; ckl 1 Simsen, 2, 3, 4, 5 Sommerfield; pullet 1, 3, 4, 5 Sommerfield, 2 Simsen; pen 1, 2 Sommerfield.

S. C. WHITE MINORCAS—Cock 1 C. Behrend; hen 1 W. B. Rieder, 2 Behrend; ckl 1 Bay View Poultry Assn., 2 Rieder; pullet 1 Bay View Poultry Assn., 2 Behrend, 3 Rieder.

HOUDANS—All to John Haynes, Jr.

SILVER SPANGLED HAMBURGS—Cock 1 Julius Kircheis; hen 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Kircheis; ckl 1 Kircheis, 2 Bay View Poultry Assn.; pullet 1, 2, 3, 4 Kircheis, 5 Bay View Poultry Assn.; pen 1, 2 Kircheis.

BLACK HAMBURGS—All to Hassman & Jaeger.

YACKE BREASTED RED GAMES—All to James Prosser.

GOLDEN DUCKWING GAMES—Cock 1, 2 James Prosser; ckl 1 Bay View Poultry Assn.; pullet 1, 2 Bay View Poultry Assn.

GOLDEN POLISH—All went to Albert Damuth.

WHITE CRESTED BLACK POLISH—Cock 1, hen 1, 2, pullets 1, 2, pen 1 Frank Radford & Co.

SILKIES—Hen 1, 2 F. W. Radford & Co.; ckl 1, 2 Radford; pullet 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Radford; pen 1 Radford.

BLACK RED GAME BANTAMS—Cock 1, 2 Fred Y. Parfrey, 3 F. W. Radford & Co.; hen 1, 3, 4, 5 Parfrey, 2 Radford & Co.; ckl 1, 4 Parfrey, 2, 3 Radford, 5 Boots & Stier; pullet 1, 2, 3 Parfrey, 4 Boots & Stier, 5 Radford & Co.; pen 1 Parfrey, 2 Radford & Co.

BROWN RED GAME BANTAMS—Hen 1 Fred Y. Parfrey; ckl 1, 2 Parfrey; pullet 1, 2 Parfrey.

GOLDEN DUCKWING GAME BANTAMS—Cock 1 Boots & Stier; hen 1 Fred Y. Parfrey, 2 Boots & Stiers, ckl 1, Parfrey, pullet 1 Boots & Stiers, 2 Parfrey.

SILVER DUCKWING GAME BANTAMS—Cock 1 L. Ruenzel; hen 1 Fred Y. Parfrey, 2 Ruenzel; ckl 1 Boots & Stiers; pullet 1 Parfrey, 2 Boots & Stiers.

BIRCHEN GAME BANTAMS—Cock 1, 3 Fred Y. Parfrey, 2 Boots & Stiers; ckl 1 Boots & Stiers, 2 Parfrey; pullet 1 Boots & Stiers, 2 Parfrey.

RED PYLE GAME BANTAMS—Cock 1 Frank W. Radford & Co.; hen 1, 3 Fred Y. Parfrey, 2, 5 Radford, 4 Boots & Stiers; ckl 1 Radford, 2, 3 Parfrey; pullet 1, 2 Radford, 3, 4, 5 Parfrey; pen 1 Radford & Co.

CORNISH INDIAN BANTAMS—All to Boots & Stiers.

GOLDEN SEBRIGHT BANTAMS—Hen 1 Fred Y. Parfrey, 2 Mayne McDonald; ckl 1 Parfrey, 2, 3 L. Shruburg; pullet 1, 2, 3 Shruburg.

WHITE JAPANESE BANTAMS—Cock 1 Frank Radford & Co.; hen 1 Radford & Co.; pullet 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Radford & Co.; pen 1 Radford & Co.

BLACK JAPANESE BANTAMS—Ckl 1 pullet 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, pen 1 Radford & Co.

BLACK TAILED JAPANESE BANTAMS—Cock 1, 2, hen 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, ckl 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, pullet 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, pen 1, 2, 3, 4 Radford & Co.

SILVER JAPANESE BANTAMS—Cock 1, 2, hen 1, 2, pullet 1 Radford & Co. —Cock 1, hen 1, pullet 1 N. W. Radford & Co.

BUFF COCHIN BANTAMS—Cock 1 Boots & Stier, 2, 3 R. C. Williams; hen 1, 2 Boots & Stiers, 3, 4, 5 Williams; ckl 1, 2 Boots & Stiers; pullet 1, 2 Boots & Stiers, 3 F. C. Briester.

BLACK COCHIN BANTAMS—Cock 1, 2 G. M. Wells; hen 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Wells; ckl 1, 2, 3 Wells, 4 R. C. Williams, 5 L. Shruburg; pullet 1, 2, 3, 4 Wells, 5 Williams; pen 1 Wells.

PARTRIDGE COCHIN BANTAMS—Hen 1, 2 Walter Brouk.

WHITE COCHIN BANTAMS—Cock 1 Irving M. Nelson; hen 1, 3 R. C. Williams, 2 Nelson; ckl 1 Nelson, 2 Geo. M. Wells, 3 L. Shruburg; pullet 1, 3, 5 Wells, 2, 4 Nelson.

WHITE HOLLAND TURKEYS—Cock 1 S. C. Radford; hen 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Radford; ckl 1 Walton Pyre; pullet 1 Pyre.

BRONZE TURKEYS—All went to L. C. Jordan.

PEKIN DUCKS—Cock 1 L. C. Jordan; ckl 1 E. H. Orvis, 2 J. H. Bierre & Co., 3 A. M. Shaw; pullet 1 Orvis, 2 Bierre & Co., 3 Jordan.

MUSCOVY DUCKS—Ckl 1 A. M. Shaw. WHITE CALL DUCKS—1 pair Silver Spring Farm.

WHITE GUINEAS—1 pair Mrs. W. E. Holmes.

PHEASANTS—1, 2 pair Golden, 1 pair Silver, 1 pair Ringheads

WORKING HOMER PIGEONS—1, 2, 3, 4, 5 young pairs, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 old pairs.

SHOW HOMERS—All to Ernest Lang. FANTAIL PIGEONS—All to Ernest Lang.

POUTERS—All to Ernest Lang.

OWLS—All to Ernest Lang.

SWALLOWS—All to Ernest Lang.

TURBITS—All to Edward Ziebell.

FRANK W. RADFORD.

DeGRAFF POULTRY FARM EXHIBIT AT SCHENECTADY, N. Y.

The exhibit of the DeGraff Poultry Farm, of Amsterdam, N. Y., is a fitting climax to the most successful year's work ever accomplished in the winning of first premiums at all the largest shows of the country on any one breed.

He advertises to have the best Rhode Island Reds in America, and as he never sells a prize winner, and is always ready to buy all extra fine specimens of his favorite breed, the following record will substantiate his claim to anyone's perfect satisfaction:

Single Comb Rhode Island Reds owned by this farm, and now in their breeding yards, have won the following prizes and cups and specials:

Five firsts at New York State Fair. Five firsts at Great Eastern Show, New York City. Five firsts at Gloversville, N. Y. Five firsts and Cup at Springfield, Mass. Five firsts and New York State Cup at Auburn, N. Y. Two firsts and one second at Madison Square Garden, New York City. Two firsts at Boston, Mass.

The Red Class is always the largest and most popular class in our local, Schenectady, N. Y., show (100 birds); still he wins nearly every prize competed for as follows:

First and second on pen of old; first, second and fourth on pen of young, second, third and fourth on cocks; first, second and third on hens; first, second, third and fourth on cockerels; first, second and third on pullets. All National Red Club Ribbons for shape and color. Grand Sweepstake Special (\$25 in gold) for best exhibit of show. Single Comb Rhode Island Reds' Special for best exhibit (\$25 in gold). Special for best exhibit of both breeds of Reds. Kerste Gold Lined Loving Cup for the best cock, hen, cockerel and pullet, five pairs of gloves besides several other specials.

His first prize hen is undoubtedly the best Red hen on earth, as she has won first at New York City, first at Boston, and shape special at both shows, defeating the winners of many of the other largest shows.

The Boston winner defeated both New York City and Springfield pullets, winning the color special at both shows. The first prize cockerel was also first at Auburn, N. Y., and defeated the Springfield, Madison Square Garden and the Albany, N. Y. winners, and was pronounced the best cockerel for breeding purposes that has been shown for a long time.

It is doubtful if there ever was an exhibit of Reds ever made by one exhibitor in this country that would compare in quality with this exhibit as a whole.—Schenectady Gazette, February 1, 1906.

OF INTEREST TO RED BREEDERS.

"A new day has dawned for the Reds." That sentence spoken by a prominent breeder, an authority on Red matters, at the close of the American Poultry Association meeting at Cincinnati, most aptly expresses the feelings of the Red breeders in attendance at the Cincinnati Show.

What called forth that remark?

First, the fact that the "Red Alley" contained 324 birds, the largest class ever shown outside of Boston, and the warmest ever show, Boston not excepted.

Second, the fact that the breed club,

the American R. I. Red Club, had endorsed the variety club, the National S. C. R. I. Red Club.

The fact that the Executive Committee of the National had been instructed to have printed a monthly paper, the Red Breeders Bulletin, devoted exclusively to matters of interest to Red breeders. To the fact that the two Clubs were working together for the welfare of the breed and without friction. To the fact that Mr. Baerman in the A. P. A. meeting had withdrawn his motion made at Minneapolis for the admission of the American Reds, and the fact that because of the cordial relations of the two Clubs the Baerman amendments providing for changes in color and weights of the present Standard, had been defeated. The breeder who made that statement was well within the truth. Mr. Baerman, notwithstanding his former endeavors deserves well at the hands of every Red breeder for his course, despite his convictions, and his courtesy in withdrawing his amendments.

That this is fully appreciated by his opponents is shown by the motion introduced by the Hon. C. N. Bryant, tendering him the thanks of the Association. With the American Red incident closed, the Baerman amendments defeated, and two active clubs, breed and variety, in the field, working in the utmost harmony, pushing the Reds, with a monthly paper devoted exclusively to the Reds, and with the Reds themselves, the grandest utility and fancy fowl of the century to build on, all at Cincinnati felt that a new day, indeed, had dawned for the Reds.

G. D. WILCOXON,

Secretary.

N. S. C. R. I. Red Club of America.

AWAY DOWN IN GEORGIA.

Burke County Fanciers Make a Successful Start.

The first annual exhibition of the Burke County Pet Stock Association was held at Waynesboro, Georgia, on February 1-3. H. H. Verdery, of Augusta, Georgia, was the judge. The awards were as follows:

BLACK MINORCAS—Cock 1, 2, ckl 1, hen 1, pullet 1, 2, 3, hen 3 S. L. Sullivan, hen 2 J. H. Whitehead; pen 3 W. C. Sandeford, Jr.

BANTAMS—Cock 1, ckl 1, hen 1 (11 years old), pullet 1 R. L. Phelps.

LIGHT BRAHMAS—Ckl 2 Mrs. Sim Bell; pullet 1, 2, 3, hen 2, 3 W. C. Hill.

WHITE PLYMOUTH ROCKS—Ckl 1 N. H. Bostick; pullet 2, ckl 3, hen 3 C. L. Rowland; cock 1, hen 1, 2 Gray Quinney.

WHITE WYANDOTTES—Ckl 1, hen 1, 2 Hamp Blount; cock 2, pullet 1, 2, ckl 2, hen 3 S. V. Bell.

BUFF WYANDOTTES—Ckl 1, pullet 1, cock 1, hen 2 S. V. Bell.

BUFF ORPINGTONS—Cock 1, hen 1, 2, ckl 1, pullet 1 J. H. Blount.

PARTRIDGE WYANDOTTES—Ckl 1, pullet 1 Mrs. Sim Bell.

BUFF PLYMOUTH ROCKS—Ckl 1, hen 1, pullet 1 R. B. Blount; ckl 2, pullet 2 W. C. Sandeford.

WHITE LEGHORNS—Cock 1 T. F. Buxton; pullet 1, 2, 3, ckl 2 N. H. Bostick.

BROWN LEGHORNS—Cock 1, hen 1, 2, 3 N. H. Bostick.

BARRED PLYMOUTH ROCKS—Pullet 2, cock 3 N. C. McNorrill; hen 1 Hamp Blount; hen 3, pullet 1, hen 2, pullet 3, ckl 3 W. W. Johnson.

BRONZE TURKEYS—Pen 1 W. C. Hill-house, pen 2 S. Schwarzwelss.

GEES—Gander 1, goose 1 G. A. Ward.

MUSCOVY DUCKS—Ducks 1, 2, 3 T. F. Buxton.

FANTAIL AND HOMING PIGEONS—Pair 1 J. B. Thomas.

BELGIAN HARES—Hutch 1 Julian Ellison.

This is an age of progress, but the poultry business is in the van.

BUFF WYANDOTTES

AT NEW YORK.

Editor American Fancier:—

Would you allow me enough of your valuable space to reply to an article on "Buff Wyandottes at New York," by Andrew Riddell, which appeared in February 10th issue of The American Fancier. Being a breeder of that variety and a beginner, as an exhibitor, I do not like to remain silent and see such an article go unanswered.

In the first place he partly describes the winning cock birds, but goes on to say that No. 1077, owned by Pensyl, is a model in type and should have been an easy winner, but was left out on account of "rough" legs.

For hens, he says 1st, 2d, 3d and 4th were all good ones, but says that 5th, owned by Pensyl, was easily the best hen in the class, except that neck hackle was a little small, caused by hackle feathers not being fully out.

For cockerels, he says 1st, 2d and 3d were all good birds with very little to choose between them, but goes on to say that 3d cockerel had the best type head and surface color.

The point I wish to bring out in this is that he could not see any good birds in the class except Pensyl's cock bird, Pensyl's hen, and 3d cockerel (Pensyl's). Why?

Simply because he sold Pensyl the cock, hen and cockerel, and of course wanted to see them win.

In conclusion, let me say that I don't like to see a breeder like Mr. Riddell begin to squeal in the poultry papers about the judging, simply because he does not like the judge that pudged the class, and, because his birds (the ones he sold to Pensyl) did not make as good a winning as he thought they should.

GEORGE M. BELL,

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THE CHICAGO SHOW.

Editor Frank Heck is responsible for the following:

There should be at least three poultry shows in the United States each season, each having an entry of more than five thousand specimens. We have two. They are Boston and New York. Chicago should be the third. It is up to the fanciers in the midwest states to say why it is not. Chicago like some other cities has for the past few years been trying to hold two shows each season. There have been two associations both striving for supremacy with the result that both have lost in prestige as well as financially. One has regularly failed to pay in full the premiums offered and the other has failed in other ways to give exhibitors a square deal. There has been only one show in Chicago this year and that has been one too many of its kind. It is said that comparisons are odious. This is especially true from the viewpoint of those who suffer on account of them. But those who allow themselves to be placed in such positions should not complain of the results. The Chicago show when compared with that of Boston and New York looks like a county fair as compared with a real show. Statements like this lay us open to ostracism and charges of heresy in certain quarters but these things cannot alter the facts in the case nor contribute even a mite toward influencing those who know from experience and observation that what we say is true. It is customary for the poultry press to throw sop to the management of poultry shows and tell the public with three column heads and stereotyped phrases what grand exhibitions have been pulled off and how everybody was delighted and well pleased. We are not going to do anything of the kind. The hundreds of small shows throughout the country get just as much consideration from

Successful Poultry Journal as the larger ones and none that fail to do the right thing by exhibitors will find Successful Poultry Journal ready to smooth things over for them. The main cause for complaint in cases where legitimate cause exists is that the interests of exhibitors are made subordinate to the personal interests of those behind the show. A poultry show should be conducted by those who are familiar with the interests of breeders and who know how and will cater to their welfare; success cannot be attained along any other line. The territory within a radius of three hundred miles of Chicago is the greatest poultry producing center in the country. Chicago should have the largest poultry show in the United States but the exhibition held last month was made up of less than 1,300 head of poultry and there would have been a much smaller number had it not been for the special efforts of two or three specialty clubs. Something is wrong somewhere and a part of this something is the disposition of breeders to sit quietly by and make no effort to better the conditions. There is more or less talk each season but it lasts just long enough to be well forgotten before the time rolls around for another show.

This is a pretty strong arraignment of the powers that are behind the throne at the Chicago Show. There is much food for reflection in what Mr. Heck says. It is his opinion and must be accepted on its face value. We do not believe Mr. Heck capable of misrepresenting the facts in the case. Our esteemed contemporary Poultry, seems to think that the Chicago Show was a great success, in fact, Editor Purvis plainly says so. What constitutes a real financial and realistic success of a poultry show is well demonstrated in the management of the New York and Boston Shows. We have been at several Chicago shows

and at one there were thousands of birds, but badly cooped and not well arranged. The low entry fee of fifty cents caused big entries and compelled the management to huddle a lot of birds in one coop, also double and triple tier some coops. This destroyed the artistic effect and made judging of birds a rather difficult matter. The late show with only 1,300 entries must have been far better in this respect. The scarcity of entries, no doubt, was caused by the two dollar entry fee. This may seem high to some of our Western friends but it is really the only safe financial scheme to make a big show pay. The New York Show can pay its premiums and all expenses before the doors are thrown open to the public. So can Boston. It is not our desire to criticize the management of the Chicago Show, but we believe as Mr. Heck does, that a little trip to New York and Boston and a week spent at each of the shows held in these cities would do the officers of the Windy City Show a great deal of good.

Chicago should and can have the biggest poultry show in the United States and there are men in the East who will undertake to manage such a show whenever the opportunity arises. This is no idle dream. It is a solemn fact. It is purely a business proposition and requires men of experience and backbone to carry it out. Petty squabbles among stockholders who are also breeders of poultry must be religiously avoided.

The success of New York and Boston Shows is greatly due to the fact that the principal officers have no axe to grind, no birds to show, and are free to treat all exhibitors alike.

Furthermore there should be one system of judging, either comparison or score card, not a combination of both. In large shows the score card is out of place. Birds must be judged the first day and all awards should appear in printed catalogues the following evening. This is business pure and simple. It enables the exhibitor to sell his stock on the strength of his winnings and satisfies the public. People that pay fifty cents to visit a poultry show have a right to know what they are looking at and who won the prizes. Prompt judging and a catalogue of entries and winners is the only and just way to do this. Get a move on Chicago!

The American Fancier confesses to having been a day or so late in getting out its first issue in Gotham. This issue is also several hours late, but hereafter all of our subscribers will receive their copy of the paper before the time to go to early church on Sunday.

A feature of The American Fancier will hereafter be the resuming of the Pilsener articles, which consist of some dissertations in broken English, as observed by an imaginative Dutchman.

The American Fancier is always yours to command. If you want advice, do not consider that it is cheap simply because you get it gratis. This is sort of an Irish bull way of putting it, but our readers will probably recognize that we do not want them to believe that the offer comes under the category "Advice is Cheap!"

COLD STORAGE BILL UP AGAIN.

Somebody seems to be playing the same old confidence game that has maintained at Albany for so many years.

The foregoing is merely an introduction to the announcement that it has been found that poultry lying in cold storage and not drawn is dangerous to eat. Such was the charge made before the Assembly Committee on Agriculture one fair afternoon last week. The occasion was a hearing on Assemblyman Fish's bill compelling the drawing of all poultry within forty-eight hours after the fowls have been killed. The cold storage interests of the State are up in arms against the bill, for, they say, it would ruin their business completely, for fowls that are drawn cannot be kept in cold storage, as they will decay.

Dr. H. Cavani, of Oneida, spoke in favor of the bill and said he was interested in it on account of a friend of his having died from potomaine poisoning as a result of eating a cold storage chicken. Dr. R. L. Crockett, of Oneida, also spoke in favor of the bill and said he and Dr. Cavani had made experiments on rabbits and other animals. They had found, he said, that poultry suffering from diseases of the stomach, became affected throughout the entire carcass after death, explaining that the disease seemed to leave the stomach and spread into the flesh after death, and rabbits, who had been fed the meat, died.

Thirty members of the Cold Storage and Hotel Men's Association of New York City, and George W. Brown, of the Game and Poultry Association of New York City opposed the bill. Mr. Brown made the argument against it and showed that it would be impossible to preserve a fowl that had been drawn.

The American Fancier urges its friends throughout the Empire State to get up in arms against the passage of this bill, which appears to be merely a strike against the interests of an industry, if you please, that has done much to promote the poultry business throughout the United States. If you have not done so, just put a word to your representative at Albany to vote against the passage of the measure.

While we do not impute the motive of Assemblyman Fish in introducing the bill, still we believe that Dr. Cavani is an alarmist of the first quality. There has been hundreds of people killed by potomaine poisoning through eating ice cream. Why not shut down on disposing of ice cream at church sociables? There is just as much sense in the argument as that put up by the learned physician who reared in favor of the bill.

Our traveling representative, Mr. George W. Weed, will be pleased to visit anybody in trouble in relation to standardbred stock, the mating and selection of stock and advising the best method to start to insure success, or in cases of disease or where fowls are not showing well. The charge will be simply for traveling expenses.

Never breed from a weak bird. Not a little of the good success of many breeders has come from observing this admonition. Then there is another injunction: Don't breed from immature pullets!

From The Editor's Perch



The American Fancier of March 3d was late in appearing but it got there as fast as human hands and brains could do it. This issue will be ready on time and after the machinery is properly oiled and all employees are up to their jobs, readers of this weekly publication can rest assured that they will be able to look over the contents each and every Saturday night or Sunday morning.

Look out for the "Boys and Girls Column." Cousin "Bob" Dennis is preparing a feast for the young fanciers and invites each and every one under twenty years of age to contribute articles for this department.

"Andy" Riddell makes a killing at Indianapolis with his Buff Wyandottes. He cleaned the deck and swiped all the blue ribbons. Shushon, New York, is all to the buff.

They do say some of the poultry editors are jealous of Grant M. Curtis because he was elected president of the American Poultry Association. "What fools these mortals be," to use a well-known but slightly transposed saying. Give President Curtis a fair chance to prove his worth, and do not criticise his actions before activity begins, and that is July the one, nineteen hundred and six.

Talk is cheap, but actions speak louder than words. That is why some fellows in the poultry business with swelled shirt fronts dominate at meetings and "ruinate" afterwards. The hot air bag of poultrydom is plainly in evidence at all times, but the advancing brigade of intelligent fanciers will make his existence less congenial in the future. The American Fancier will strive to puncture a few of these human airships from time to time. What we want is facts from practical poultry raisers and fanciers, not gibberish from inflated fakirs that are educated beyond their intellect.

We want every good chicken raiser, male or female, to write his or her experience. Never mind the spelling or grammar. State facts in your good old natural way. We will put them in shape.

"Deacon Ivory" Sparks, of Scranton, New Jersey, informs us that he has a goodly bunch of White Wyandotte chicks out and expects to have something pretty strong for the early shows. The story that he is going on the stage to do his famous stunt of changing a yellow dog into a pure white Wyandotte is a fake. The only real stunt the Deacon ever did was when he went in bathing at Atlantic City with a pair of umbrella covers in the place of the usual bathing suit.

We regret to learn that the old veteran, T. C. VanWyck, Superintendent of the famous Poughkeepsie Poultry Show Department of the Dutchess County Fair, has been seriously ill, but late advices indicate that he will soon be himself again and ready for the next big show in the old and historic Hudson River City.

Among the first of the new advertisers in the new American Fancier is Mr. C. W. Shaylor, of Lee, Mass. We have known Mr. Shaylor a long time, had the pleasure of handling and judging his birds on numerous occasions and feel it a duty to state that the Barred Plymouth Rock fancy is all the better for such men as he is known to be to his friends and neighbors. He represents the bone and sinew of what makes up a real fancier and breeder.

Mr. Joseph Shull, of Johnstown, N. Y., will take the road for The American Fancier and cover New York State, from Albany to Buffalo, in the next month. We have known "Sir Joseph" a very long time and also know him to be a chicken fancier from toe to crown. He knows a good bird when he sees it and what is more he can breed some mighty good ones himself.

The half-tone illustration on our title page gives a good idea of the quality of Columbian Wyandottes bred by Mr. Edward DeGraff, of Amsterdam, New York. It is safe to say that when snow flies again next winter there will be many fine clusters of the new Columbians at Mr. DeGraff's Yards. He has the material to work with and the ability to make the most intelligent use of it. As Columbian Wyandottes have been admitted to the Standard, we look for a decided boom in this new and handsome variety of American bred fowl.

Our big and genial old friend from Missouri, Theodore Hewes, writes us that he will quit judging after this. "Theo" has been at the game for eighteen years and judged at hundreds of shows, made hundreds of friends and tried to do the right thing wherever he went. We are sorry to see him leave the field he so ably handled but the increasing business of the Inland Poultry Journal requires his time from now on. He and "Happy Hooligan" Pierce are going to start a school for poultry judges at Indianapolis, Ind., and will endeavor to educate the aspiring candidate for poultry judge-ships in true and ancient form. More of the school later on. It is a good scheme, handled by responsible men.

The borrowed bird question, like Banquo's Ghost, "will not down." We have received a number of letters, heard many caustic remarks at shows, regarding what we have always deemed a rank injustice to honest exhibitors and a positive evil in the American poultry fancy, viz., borrowing birds to show. It is even worse; it is a curse. When John Doe shows a string of birds at Podunk and wins the blue ribbons, and Richard Roe takes the same birds to Oshkosh and makes a similar killing, and then allows Peter Poe to exhibit the same string at Tallalopolousa, there is something rotten in Denmark. The Does, Roes

and Poes all advertise their winnings and sell eggs and stock. Yet who owns the birds? It is not a square deal and no decent fancier will ever sanction such methods. In England exhibitors who are found guilty of such practices are debarred from showing for a period of years. The Poultry Club out there is more strenuous evidently than our American Poultry Association. The latter has a fine field to work to purify the show business. The time is at hand.

George W. Weed

WEED'S WANDERINGS.

Making Merry Meanderings in Massachusetts.

Spent Friday at the yards of R. M. Dowd, Lee, Mass., a past master in the poultry business, through years of experience in the cause of breeding standardbred stock. Mr. Dowd has a big aggregation of Buff Cochins, together with Buff Wyandottes, Rose Comb Black Minorcas and Golden Pencilled Hamburgs, and feels rather chesty over his collection of silver cups that he has taken by exhibiting his feathered beauties.

Then I hied me to the possessions of H. E. Heebner, also of Lee, and delighted my old optics by having a look at some of the finest Buff Plymouth Rocks as ever came from dreamland. Then I hiked to Master R. Gilmour's yards, who makes a specialty of Black Minorcas and White Leghorns, which take the ribbon off the shrubbery. Then away again, three miles or more, to the farm of Mr. D. Garnham, who thinks Barred Rocks good enough for him, and I certainly think the same way.

And the harmonica plays "Home, Sweet Home."

We got an early start for the home of William Shaylor, on Friday morning, but as he was not at home, continued on to Charles H. Shaylor's, in whom we found a true and tried friend of The American Fancier. This farm is one of the finest in Berkshire County, if not in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, and is a grand contradiction of "Farming don't pay." Yes, Mr. Shaylor has a fine farm in a beautiful location, conducted on thorough business principles, which, of course, has placed it on a paying basis. But it is with the fowls that we have to do, so away with us to the poultry yards, and we shall see some of the finest Barred Plymouth Rocks in America. Here we find several pens headed by sons of Madison Square winners. One pen in particular took our fancy, a pullet mating and headed by the best pullet breeding male it has ever been our good fortune to handle. Mr. Shaylor has been a poultry enthusiast for twenty-two years, and for the last ten years has bred Barred Plymouth Rocks exclusively. His many winnings at our leading shows prove the quality of his stock.

GEORGE W. WEED,

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Nest boxes should be put in the most secluded and darkest part of the house.

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Don't have holes in the side of your hen house, and you will not have a hole in your pocket.

This is the season when advice is free as to how to set a hen. Many overcome it by buying an incubator.

Ten hens are enough for one active rooster, so that the chanticleer need not be accused of being a Mormon.

The present prices being paid for standardbred stock, makes poultry raising a business of pleasure and profit.

The constantly increasing demand for beef scraps has caused the price to advance to almost a prohibitive figure.

The turkey crop grows annually less. It seems as if turkey growing on a large scale could be made very profitable.

There is a fascination in showing birds and taking a prize from a dozen competitors. Moral: Get busy for the next show season.

Don't be cruel to the old hen that wants to set. She is simply trying to carry out "Teddy" Roosevelt's ideas against race suicide.

Read The American Fancier regularly, whether you are a fancier, market poultryman, or look strictly after the egg basket.

The simple life on the farm will have to be abandoned for the time being, for the strenuous days of the hatching season are on.

Encourage your sons and daughters to take an interest in poultry. Along with the American mother, the American hen is the backbone of the country.

When you blow about your chickens, don't give eleven hens an average of twenty-four eggs a day. There are some people who will not believe the story.

The fellow who says, "Well, I didn't expect to win, for my birds were just picked out of the yard," is the biped who makes trouble for the man in the duster.

Do not overfeed your fowls and make them lazy. There are enough gourmets on earth in other walks of life, and man is the chief being in this particular.

The main trouble in poultry culture comes from the fact that few of the thousands who take up the industry have a correct idea of the conditions that bring success.

More incubators have been sold this season than ever before. This is not inscribed as a news item, but merely to fill space. Everybody knows that the standardbred stock industry is increasing, year after year.

When anything goes wrong about the poultry yards, find the cause. People who talk about "luck" and "bad luck," are usually the ones who do not try to ascertain how success came about or how the difficulty arose.

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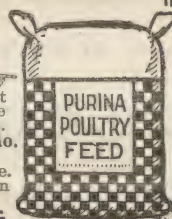
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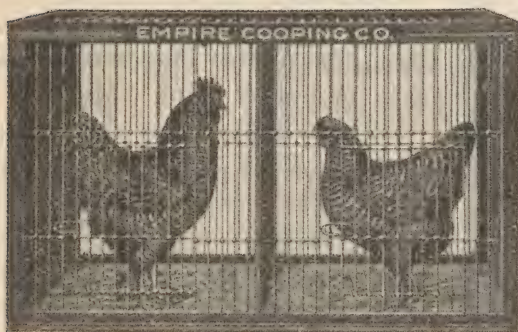
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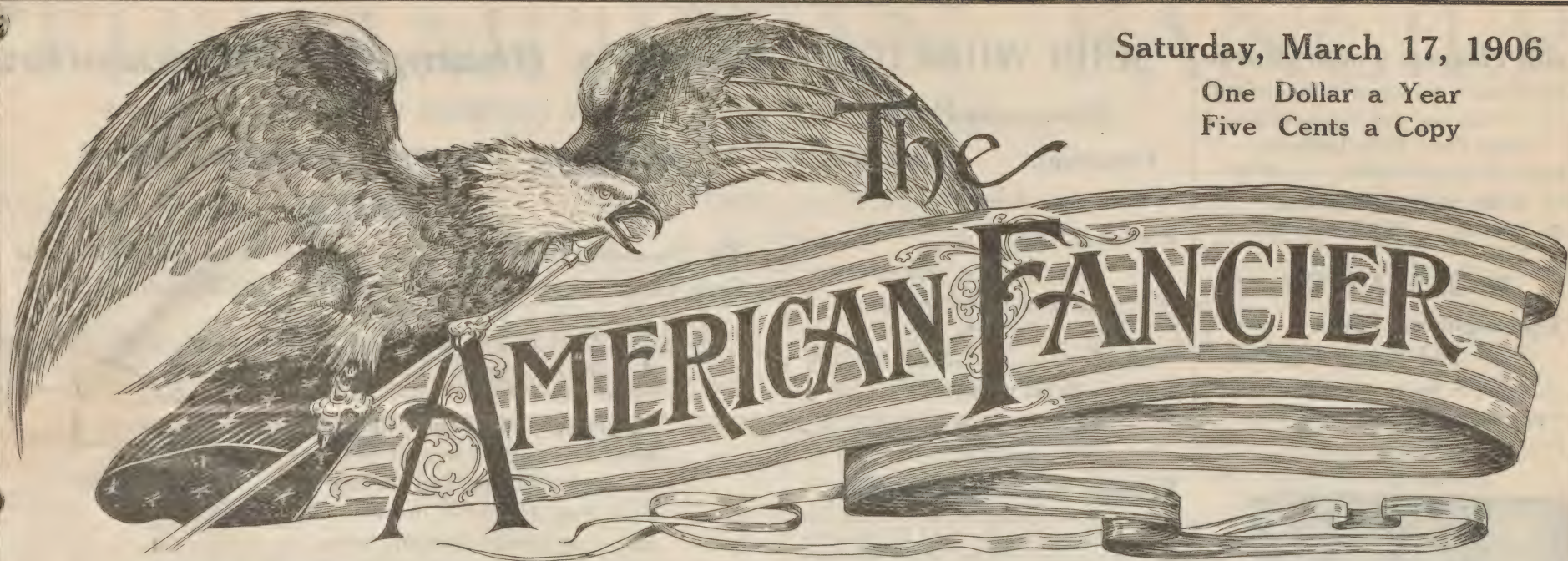
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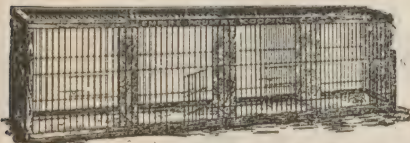
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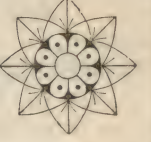
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SEBRIGHT BANTAMS

From The Feathered World—By R. Wiseman Cunningham, M. D.



III.

Breeding.—In the breeding pens it is natural that we should all like the inmates to be perfect. This cannot be so, so we must content ourselves, as far as our pocket will allow, in procuring the best specimens which are suitable to be mated together. Very



Finely Laced Cock.

good birds naturally cost a considerable sum of money. Better possess yourself of one really good pair, bearing some blood relationship to each other, than a number of Sebrights of inferior quality which will never produce any chickens worth looking at.

Avoid the faults in your breeding birds which are most reproductive—white throats and bad tails especially. Failings must be corrected by judicious matching. A cock weak in breast lacing requires to be mated with hens exceptionally good in the breast lacing. The produce of two Sebrights defective in lacing on the same part more than likely will be chickens with that defect exaggerated. Too heavy lacing is corrected by mating with very finely-laced birds of the opposite sex. All this sounds very simple in theory but it is by no means so easy a matter in practice when you have a limited stock to select from. By studying the influence of sex on the progeny, I quite agree with the theory that the male has the most influence on color properties, the female on shape and size.

Do not take the advice that is frequently given, to mate a small cock with large hens. Let the hens be small in size, and the cock excel in feather properties.

Nowadays it is usual to recommend a cockerel breeding pen and a pullet breeding pen. My experience is that in most cases all your best show birds are the produce of one pen. However, it may be as well to describe the mating which is usually advised for the

production of exhibition birds of each sex from different pens.

The Cockerel Breeding Pen.—The cock or cockerel should have a good comb. His lacing should be sound and inclined rather on the heavy side, particular attention being paid to the throat, wing butts, and tail; the latter especially should have the ground color perfectly clear and every feather heavily laced. The secondaries also should have every feather well laced, but this is nearly always the case in birds with well-laced tails. The cock should show as much mulberry color as possible in the face.

The hens for this bird should preferably all be of one age, and excel in shape and carriage, and be also small in size, so far as is conducive to good health. They should be three or four in number, and of the exhibition type, very finely laced, and clear in tail. Any slight failing in the density of the lacing in the hens will in the majority of the chickens be corrected by the



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excellent coloring of the cock bird.

From this pen I should expect a number of chickens, both cockerels and pullets, to be just too heavily laced for exhibition purposes in their first year, but some of the cockerels will certainly be up to exhibition standard.

The Pullet Breeding Pen.—The cock or cockerel again here must have good head points. His lacing should be very thin and even throughout, including the secondaries and tail. The latter I should particularly recommend to be perfectly white, without any grizzling or splashing on the ground color. I am afraid that, in writing, it is easy to advise one not to use Sebrights with bad tails, but perfect tailed birds are almost impossible to procure, and one can only use the best available.

The hens suitable for this pen

should preferably all be of one age, as in the cockerel breeding pen, unless one can remember their quality of lacing as moderately young birds. They should be just too heavily laced to make good show birds, and the lac-



Another Prize Winner.

ing must be very dense green-black, sharp and even all round every feather right up to the throat; the tail and secondaries clear in ground color and heavily laced. From this pen you would certainly take a number of exceptionally fine cockerels and pullets, with a small percentage of wasters.

With many other Sebright breeders, I agree that the fine lacing is best on the cock in the breeding pen, and certainly for anyone desiring to breed from a single pen I should select a finely-laced cockerel with heavily-laced pullets.

All the hens used for breeding purposes should be mulberry-colored in comb and face; this is a point which we are rather apt to overlook, so many of the winning birds having a very poor apology for a gipsy face.

Sebrights, being birds of "feather properties," will not stand indiscriminate crossing of different strains; nothing is more disastrous to breeding for color than the introduction of new blood. Inter-breed your own birds until weakly chickens and other evidences of bad health show you that you have gone too far; then introduce new blood of the same strain as your own from another fancier. This advice has been drummed into readers of the Feathered World thousands of times, and yet we get letters from men who ought to know better, asking for a Sebright cock and two hens which must not be related to each other in any way. Of course, if you intend to inbreed the produce, sire to the pullets and cockerel to the old hens, then you

are on the right track; but it is a long way round to get to the goal.

Once in four or five years is sufficiently often to introduce new blood. Write to a well-known fancier; tell him what you intend to give for a trio of breeding birds, which, of course, are sent on approval, provided you deposit the money, or give some guarantee of your respectability. Get some friend who knows a Sebright to advise you as to their value, or if you have no such friend, do as I have done—trust the vendor. Do not do as I once did when a boy—copy the description of a pair of Sebrights out of a book, and ask the vendor to send you such a pair for the colossal sum of £2. Mr. M. Leno was the vendor on that occasion, and wrote me that he had not yet seen such a pair, but would let me have his best for £20. That cured my Sebright fever; but later on I had a serious relapse balanced with common sense.

Sometimes we may pick up first-class Sebrights extremely cheap, but, as the number of fanciers in this variety is rapidly on the increase, more extensive classification at a number of shows is provided and guaranteed by the Sebright Club. Sebrights will become more and more the fashionable Bantam, and prizes are likely to keep up. Selling classes at the larger exhibitions always contain a few good birds worth buying.

Having alluded to the Sebright Club, I may mention that a society of fanciers devoted entirely to this variety of Bantam existed in Sir John Sebright's time, but for some reason or other was allowed to become extinct. The present society has only had four years in which to gain the confidence of fanciers, but now consists of twenty members, and has a considerable sum of money to its credit. All that its expenses consist of are the guaranteeing of classes at a number of shows, printing and stationery. Our hard-working secretary, Mr. Heywood, is a man of sterling worth and sound moral character, and every effort will be made by the society to promote the well-being of our favorites, and all dishonorable practices will be immediately suppressed by the club.

Hatching and Rearing.—Cross-bred Silky-Pekin hens are amongst the best for sitting purposes. Eleven eggs are sufficient to set under each hen. It is better, if possible, to have two or three sittings put down at the same time. At the end of a week the eggs should be examined for fertility. The fertile eggs may then all be given to one hen, if they are few in number, and new sittings given to the remaining hens,

thus gaining time and space. I much prefer hens to incubators, unless you have a lot of time to attend to the incubators personally. Neither do I care for artificial brooders for Bantams; one or the other of the chickens is always being left out in the cold. A hen is always busy attending to every want of her little ones, and rushes off at once to attend to any calling out in distress. I have used incubators with success, but have never done well with artificial brooders.

Twenty-one days is the period of incubation for Bantams' eggs—the same as in large fowls. At the end of that time, and not till then, should the sitting hens be disturbed to examine the eggs. All broken egg-shells left by hatched chickens should be removed, and the remaining eggs examined to see if they are chipping. I always give the remaining eggs twelve hours' grace; at the end of that time I enlarge any opening in the egg to see if the chicken is ready to emerge, and if so help it into the world. Any eggs which show no indication of chipping should also be opened gently at the large end, and their contents inspected. For the first twenty-four hours the chickens require no food whatever, and ought not to be disturbed. The first feed consists of crumbled hard-boiled eggs and fine oatmeal. Feed every two hours, except at night, when I consider the feeding of chickens by lamplight an absurdity, and quite contrary to the laws of nature. I always leave a small saucer full of dry oatmeal to be picked up in the early morning if they are hungry. A day or so later well-boiled rice should be added to the egg and oatmeal. After the chicks are five days old rice and oatmeal alone is a suitable diet, with a sprinkling of fine grit and chopped green food. Continue this for four weeks, after which time a mixture of boiled rice, oatmeal, and Indian cornmeal should be given morning and afternoon with a mid-day and late evening feed of wheat or dari. So long as the chickens are on soft, pulpy food I give no drinking water, and have no trouble with attacks of diarrhoea or gapes; both of which diseases are often caused by contaminated drinking water.

Damp in any form is most fatal to Sebrights at any age, more especially so in cold weather. Keep the houses and runs dry and clean. Leave no food lying about to get soured, supply fresh water daily. I do not care to remove the chickens from their mother until the head and breast are well covered with feathers.

Feeding Adult Sebrights.—In winter I give a warm feed first thing in the morning, consisting of oatmeal, Indian meal, and scraps of bread and meat. About mid-day wheat or short oats, a good handful to three birds, and again in the evening another feed of grain. Plenty of green food such as grass, lettuce, cabbage, etc., also fruit; and a quantity of sharp flint grit should always be at hand, and a constant supply of fresh water. In the summer I feed only twice daily, soft food occasionally in the morning, grain in the afternoon.

Sebrights are an active breed; the more exercise and foraging about they are allowed to enjoy, the better will they thrive. I have, however, kept them penned up under most adverse

conditions with success; but scrupulous attention to sanitation and plenty of green food are essential to maintain the good health of bantams in confinement.

The End.

WHAT A RACING HOMER OUGHT TO BE.

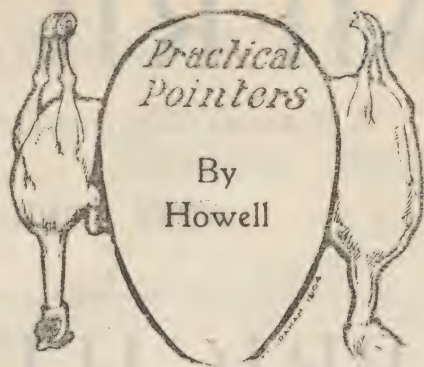
Now, what qualities have birds to possess to fly long distances? Pluck, brains, and bodily strength. Pluck and brains are useless without the necessary physical properties to make use of them. There is a great difference in the ease with which birds fly. Great store is set by some on plentiful (perhaps excessive would be a better word) covering feathers over the back and very broad flights. Neither of these, in my opinion, is very important. I like a wing shaped something like a scythe; birds with straight wings are generally very much divided at the outside flights when the wing is opened. Plenty of body feather I attach much importance to, and never breed from a bird with any tendency to be short in that respect. I prefer a fair length of tail, also rather long wings. Needless to say the stouter the quill and the more elastic the web of the wing feathers the better. Depth of color is also a point I try to mate for, and when through a moult it is a good sign if there is a richness about the bird. This applies to all colors, equally to a light red chequer, or light blue chequer, as to a darker chequer bird of the same color. A Homer has to fly not walk, and I much prefer a medium bone bird to one with big bone and clumsy feet. The color of the eye I don't trouble about, as long as it is bright and healthy. Unless the seller advises that two particular birds (that seem likely to suit in other respects) should be paired together, I would suggest that a novice should try to obtain the advice of some experienced fancier and pair his birds with the idea of producing make and shape. It is doubtful if some will ever become successful breeders, as there is a very useful aid to success called "The breeder's eye." One word more, don't pair two nervous birds together; nervous birds are very trying, not only to themselves, but to their owners as well. In conclusion let me repeat "What is worth doing at all is worth doing well." Couple this with patience and you will succeed.

RACING MAN.

HOW TO TELL AN OLD HEN.

A correspondent gives the following method of telling an old hen from a young one. In lifting up the wing and pushing aside the feathers of the sides, you will find, in the case of a young hen, a long down, light and close, arranged regularly between the other feathers which cover these parts of the body. Through the skin, which is of a delicate and rosy tissue, the very small blue veins will be apparent. In a hen more than a year old, the down and the veins will have disappeared, the skin is of dull white and dry, less smooth and somewhat farinaceous looking. The smooth leg, with fine bright scales, is also one of the best indications.

Economy is not always good management in poultry, and frugality is often synonymous with stinginess.



Read a discussion recently on "Hoodoo Pens," the impression being given that in a certain pen no flock would lay well, but upon being given other quarters would improve at once.

Have been having some such experience. When I mated up, the first flock was taken to the pen farthest down the house, one sash in this pen has been removed and muslin tacked on in its place, giving the pen a darkened appearance, whether this caused the hoodoo I cannot say; the flock was laying fairly well but dwindled day by day to nothing, and stayed there; had ravenous appetites so I fed them extra, hoping to get them going again. You can easily judge my feelings when I found them as heavy as lead and fit for the butcher.

A chance purchase was the means of their being moved to lighter quarters, since when on a broader ration they have resumed laying.

The newcomers who occupy their old pen are allowed their liberty and when they get settled in their new home and accustomed to the surroundings, probably will not be affected by the hoodoo.

On several occasions in buying a bunch of laying hens I have noticed an improvement in the size of the eggs under my feeding. In the case of pullets, where they are checked by moving it is a natural supposition that upon a resumption of their duties they will lay a larger egg, but I have noticed the same improvement in hens.

I am a great believer in No. 1 wheat middlings for the major portion of the morning mash as an egg producer, and a producer of eggs fit for market.

I see a whole lot about the 200 egg a year trap nest hen, but nothing about the big eggs she lays.

Which is best? A fine large egg that commands a premium in any market, or little dirty undersized eggs that no one wants, and to sell which it takes a lot of nerve to sneak into a grocery, even after dark, and take them out in trade.

I see that my Middletown neighbor, who poses as the Poultry Sage of the Rural, claims to have not gotten an egg from 1,372 Leghorns for a period of six days.

It is a mystery how a flock of this size could be kept from laying a single egg for so long a period, unless the feed troughs were turned upside down at the approach of winter.

Several here claim to have done better in the cold winter just preceding, rather than during the more open winter just passing.

To sum up, I claim that the heavy breeds which sport a red ear-lobe and a lot of feathers are the real winter layers.

That the hen moulting early in the

summer, will lay the eggs in the fall and winter.

That the hen which continues to lay during the summer and fall, and then moults, will not figure as a layer again until spring approaches.

And that it is useless to force a pullet to lay until her age admits of her laying an egg of market size—that's all.

WINTER EGG-LAYING.

Consul Daniels reports from Sheffield, England, a novel egg-laying competition at the Lady Warwick's Ladies Agricultural College. The conclusions reached are that breed does not govern so much as the laying strain or families of a breed highly developed as egg producers. The pen of four Buff Orpingtons led from Oct. 16 to Nov. 16 by producing 49 eggs, and again Nov. 16 to Dec. 16 with 120 eggs.

One thing the present competition shows is the little help it is to birds to be what show enthusiasts call "beautifully marked," for as often as not it is the ordinary-looking competitors, birds a show judge would laugh at, that have the biggest total of eggs to their credit. In the winter laying competition what stands a bird in good stead is not that its father was the winner of a medal, but that its mother and its grandmother were wonderful layers, and that its male parents also came of a good laying strain.

POINTS ON IN-BREEDING.

While admitting that in most instances breeders of fancy poultry have persisted in breeding to feather despite frequent warnings that by so doing they would ultimately work ruin in their stock, it is an undeniable fact that the birds of to-day have never been equalled for beauty and markings of plumage, grace of outline and perfection of all other properties. That the laying powers of some varieties have materially suffered is equally true, but that the love for fancy poultry is ever likely to suffer is hardly possible, while by means of judicious crosses of pure breeds the best egg producers as well as the best table poultry can easily be obtained.

AMERICAN BUFF

PLYMOUTH ROCK CLUB.

The ninth annual meeting of the American Buff Plymouth Rock Club was held in connection with the National Fancier's Association Show in Chicago, Wednesday, January 24th, 1906.

In the absence of the president and vice-presidents, the meeting was called to order and presided over by Mr. C. A. Morton.

The following named were elected officers for the present year: President, W. C. Denny; Eastern Vice-President, M. F. Delano; Western Vice-President, J. J. Keig; Southern Vice-President, C. W. Fowler; Secretary-Treasurer, C. A. Morton; Executive Committee, F. C. Shepherd, S. D. Laphan, B. E. Johnson.

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C. A. MORTON,
Secretary-Treasurer,
St. Louis, Mo.

PIGEON MILK.

Danger Arising From the Soft Food.

There are many little points which can upset a pigeon in the breeding season, and perhaps the most dangerous is a sour crop, arising from a failure to hatch. The natural consequence is that the "milk," or pap, which is the squab's food remains in the crop of the old bird and turns sour. This pap forms around the sides of the crop, and until about the sixth or seventh day after hatching is the squab's only food. This is a simple explanation of the pigeon's "milk," and I need not go deeper into it to drive home the point that caused me to take up my pen. Of course, a failure to hatch means that this pap has to be got rid of by the old bird, and in many cases it passes away without much trouble through the digestive organs. If it does not leave the crop speedily and naturally (and I believe there is a natural exit for this unused pap) then a pigeon may develop a serious illness. This sour waste must be removed, and perhaps, the best way is to make the bird disgorge the mess. Dissolve some Epsom salts in a little warm water, and make the bird drink. Soon afterwards, when the liquid has nicely settled, hold the bird's head downwards, and make it disgorge by working your fingers from the bottom of the crop upwards. You will be astonished what a foul smell the stuff has that comes away from your bird.

However, sour crop should not trouble a pigeon fancier if he watches his breeding operations carefully. He need not be troubled with it at all, because he is pretty certain to have a young one ready for a pair that fails to hatch. I have frequently found that one is pretty safe in putting under such a pair a youngster as old as three or four days, and sometimes older, but in the latter case there is a risk of it not being taken to. The easiest and best preventative of any chance of sour crop is to see that the unfertile eggs are taken away after being sat upon 14 days. Of course, I only refer to unfertile or clear eggs, about which there is no doubt that they will not hatch. By taking these clear eggs away after being sat upon a fortnight there is no danger of sour crop, as the pap or milk will not have formed in the old birds. I must impress upon my readers that as soon as an old bird looks ill after it has been sitting past the ordinary period, he must at once clear the crop in the way I have described above. K. P.

Keeping Chicks Free From Lice.

If the hen and nest were kept free from lice, the chicks should need no treatment for several days. They may not need it then, but for an inexperienced grower it is always better to keep on the safe side and prevent lice getting established, for when they become numerous they do a great deal of damage in a very short time. Dust them with an insecticide within two or three days after taking from the nest, then at intervals of a week until they are three weeks old. After that they should not need treatment for lice.

The Rhode Island Poultry Association has fixed December 4-8, 1906, for their show dates, if Providence continues to exist.

CHICKEN CROQUETTES.

Odds and Ends Left Over From Sunday Dinner.

The bone cutter is becoming more and more of a necessity.

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Readers of The American Fancier should remember that the Department of Agriculture of the State of New York publish in pamphlet form a list of occupied and unoccupied farms for sale in the Empire State. The copy we have makes it appear that there are some good bargains to be picked up throughout the length and breadth of the State.

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Current Market Reports.

Beginning with the next issue of The American Fancier a column or so will be devoted to the egg and poultry market in New York and neighboring cities.

The hen may not be a mortgage lifter, but give the hen a chance and she'll scratch one badly.

COLUMBIAN WYANDOTTES.

There is a "happy medium" in all things, and the nearer we keep to the ideal in the daily course of our life, the happier will be our frame of mind.

It seems to be an unerring law of nature that one extreme follows another, and extreme changes are uncomfortable and unhealthy. If there is any one breed in the long list of Standard bred fowls that deserves the name of the "happy medium" fowl I would give it to the latest innovation to the Standard, namely, the Columbian Wyandottes.

When the amateur has to select one breed from the hundred that he has recommended to him by as many different fanciers as all being the best, he has many points to think over before deciding for himself. There has never been a fowl with more aristocratic appearance than the Light Brahma, and while the Columbians have their beautiful markings, still they have no feathers on their legs, which many object to, and a much more practical size. If there could be a vote taken as to the most popular shaped fowl on the list, there would be no doubt but what the Wyandotte type would win easily, with their plump bodies, wide breasts, and solid thighs, together with the graceful curves of the well-bred specimens.

The Columbian Wyandottes can be said to be a combination of the good qualities of these two breeds with the objectionable ones left out, making a combination that can hardly be improved upon. The usual expression of visitors when I show them my flock of Columbians for the first time is that they were struck on the breed from the first time they ever saw the picture of them. While they are very popular from the fancy element, still they are a very practical fowl, as they are just the right size and shape to make a fine table fowl, and their plumage being nearly white does not have the objectionable pin feathers, which together with their yellow legs and shins makes an attractive fowl in the market.

They lay a large brown egg and like all new crosses make good layers and mothers.

Their rose combs are in their favor for cold climates and their plumage which is mostly white, tipped off with black, makes a color that does not show soil near as bad as pure white, as the black makes up the parts that generally gets soiled the quickest, so, that everything considered, they are as I claim, the "happy medium" fowl for the fancy and utility breeder. The present supply of Columbians in the country can not half supply the demand for fowls and eggs for the coming year which accounts for the very high prices that are being asked for both fowls and eggs that are really what they should be. They have had a very steady, healthy boom up to the time they were admitted to the Standard but now that they are an established breed on an equal footing with all others you can expect to see them fast become one of the leading classes in the show room and occupy a place on a footing with any of the older breeds.

E. T. DeGRAFF.

The rogues and rascals in the fancy are growing beautifully less, and the ignorant and careless are now in the great minority.

Wiseacres Poultry Farm

The Wiseacres Poultry Farm is situated about four miles from Croton-on-Hudson, Westchester County, N. Y., and is some fifty acres in extent, entirely devoted to poultry raising. I have now been breeding Salmon Favorolles for about three years from the best obtainable stock, imported direct from prominent English breeders, and during that time, closely comparing them with the main flock of

Since early in 1905 I have used The Practical Trap Nests in all the pens on this plant and have the egg records of every hen on the place. The Faverolles have beaten the Wyandottes in average egg yield by about fifteen per cent., and I have hens that will easily reach the 200 egg mark before the end of the twelve months.

Although I believe Faverolles to be a better all round breed, the Wyandottes



Pen No. 2A Pullet Breeding Mating

White Wyandottes, which hitherto I have considered one of the best general purpose breeds in existence. I have now changed my opinion in favor of the Faverolles, and this change is based on actual results, not on conjecture. I am managing this Poultry Business for profit, not for pleasure; although I confess to taking a great deal of pleasure in it. My principal aim is market poultry; that is to say, the raising and supplying of Eggs, Broilers, Roasters, etc., and I want the breed of chicken that will best answer the purpose, and which will be a good foundation for further improving these qualities. I can see nothing, physiologically, to prevent the breeding of a type of domestic fowl which will combine in itself the maximum of egg laying and table qualities. It is merely a question of judicious selection and careful breeding. The Salmon Faverolles are a result of this selection and care by French and English breeders, and it has so far been my experience that they have succeeded in producing something very near the goal aimed at. There is no variety on earth that cannot be further improved and it is my intention in breeding the Wiseacres Faverolles to constantly keep the general utility qualities in view. Not to breed only from the best layers, not to select only the best shaped and heaviest flesh birds, or the early maturing ones, or those best answering to the standard description of the breed, but to select those only which answer best to all of these requirements.

Wyandottes are deservedly popular, and if one has a good laying strain, are hard to beat for the market poultryman. I am endeavoring to still further improve the good qualities of this breed, and by the use of the Trap Nests, am able to select the best layers, and best birds to breed from, at the same time keeping the standard requirements strictly in view—and no matter how good a layer—no bird is bred from one that would be disqualified. The several breeding pens are headed by pure white, well shaped birds, with good Wyandotte combs, bright red eyes and yellow legs, all sons of heavy layers. The females are selected birds with heavy egg records, or pullets from such hens, and a large proportion of their get should prove to be 200 eggs a year layers.

M. J. WHITTY,
Manager.

Ostrich Plucking Season On.

The regular plucking season is on at the ostrich farm, at Jacksonville, Florida. This is bright information, for the season of Easter bonnets is near at hand. It requires three men to drive, corral and catch the birds, and two to hold them in their places while the feathers are secured. The general opinion that these feathers are pulled from the body is incorrect, as short, stout cutters are used and all of four inches of the stem is left in the body of the bird, which afterwards dries and drops from its socket. These feathers are eagerly sought for in the markets, but the Florida ostrich farm makes up its own produce.

UNSOLVED PROBLEMS IN POULTRY CULTURE.

Often times a beginner in poultry breeding is thoroughly confused at the outset by the diversity of opinion among equally eminent authorities.

For instance, one writer will tell us that the sire governs the color, shape and superficial characteristics, and the dam controls the size and egg producing qualities, while another writer will say that the dam instead of the sire, controls the shape and largely influences the color. Either of these statements may be true in certain instances, and it would seem that certain observers had too hastily arrived at conclusions from perhaps the result of one or two experiments.

In formulating the general laws of breeding the breeder should keep constantly in mind that different conditions produce many exceptions to the general laws.

Then as to the subject of inbreeding or line breeding there is as much or even more decided diversity of opinion. Many of the oldest breeders declare that strict line breeding may be practiced indefinitely with impunity, so long as we use care in each mating to breed only from specimens in perfect health and possessing strong constitutions. A recent writer in the poultry press says that he has strictly line-bred for twenty years and results are so good that he regrets not having practiced it for many years previous. On the other hand others who are supposed to have had equally as much experience, say that a few years of such breeding will ruin the strongest flock, both as to size, health and egg producing qualities.

It is a fact, however, that line breeding gives great prepotency, and that is certainly the quality we are looking for in our breeders.

In the past year or so we have seen the question raised as to the applicability to poultry of the Mendel law and it is believed that researches in this line will open to us vast possibilities in poultry breeding.

We read many articles relating to the laws of Atavism and Reversion but, in fact, how little we know of them at the present time. We see stated that the sire and dam have one half the controlling influence, the grandsire and granddam one-quarter and previous ancestors the remaining quarter. But how abruptly this conflicts with certain facts, let us take for instance, certain strains of Golden Sebright Bantams that we know have been standard bred for at least five or six generations, especially in reference to the rose comb. Out of a large number of chicks fully fifty per cent will have single combs in some instances.

But one might say that as the combs are so narrow that the reversion is natural. But in breeding the Silver Sebrights a single-combed chick is rarely produced, and the combs are of the same type as those of the Golden's.

There is certainly a vast field of research for breeders who can and are willing to give much of their time and money to definitely solve these and other problems in poultry culture. This will be largely the work of fanciers to whom it will be a pleasure and source of gratification to add something to our knowledge.

H. L. MOODY.

WEED'S WANDERINGS.

The Poultry Industry in the Berkshires
Editor of The American Fancier:

I will cease from my wanderings sufficiently long to jot down a few meanderings of the mind rather than the body.

I do not think that there is a greater hot bed for the poultry industry in the United States than right here in Berkshire County, Mass., where five Poultry Shows were held last winter, and all successfully in so far as paying was concerned.

First came Adams with a small and not too successful a show. Then Lenox with their 12th or 13th annual, then Dalton; seemingly to show just what could be done on a pinch, North Adams and Pittsfield. Each held a show on the same dates, and while a few regretted things should be so, it proved the salvation of both, for each had full more than they could handle successfully. And, in spite of the foregoing facts, in Lee, (another town in the same county) a few nights ago there was formed another society with some sixty-five signers, and with that well-known fancier, Charles Shaylor for President; the gentleman farmer R. De P. Titus, First Vice-President; H. E. Heebner, one of the leading business men of the town, Secretary, with American Dominiques, William Shaylor for his assistant and Alex. Faxon, one of our bank officials, for Treasurer; R. M. Dowd, a breeder, who counts his well-won premiums by the hundreds, as Chairman of the Executive Committee, to say nothing of P. J. Lyon or E. F. Strong, lesser officials, certainly warrants Lee in thinking that a successful poultry show is a foregone conclusion.

And all this interest in poultry and poultry culture simply means that the people are waking up to their needs; and that more and better poultry is needed can easily be ascertained by reading the market reports.

We also find in our travels that the unnameable and mixed up flocks throughout the country are gradually giving way to pure breeds.

GEORGE W. WEED,
Subscription and Advertising Representative.

NEW YORK MARKET REPORT.

EGGS—Receipts for Monday, March 12th, 12,453 cases. There seemed to be no abatement in demand for fresh eggs. Large lines were sold at a ruling price of 14½c for immediate delivery. Fresh eggs were so cheap that dealers were not inclined to buy old stock unless prices were very low. We quote: State and other nearby fresh selected white, 20c, 21c per doz. Western, fresh gathered firsts, 14½c; Kentucky firsts, 14½c; Tennessee firsts, 14½c. Duck eggs, 32c.

DRESSED POULTRY—Receipts for Monday, March 12th, 1,603 packages. Philadelphia chickens, 25c; Western fancy, 18c, 20c; ducklings, 20c; Western ducks, 15c; turkeys, 20c; squabs, per doz., \$3.50.

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LA FLECHE—Cock 1, hen 1, ckl 1, pullet 1, pen 1 J. M. Seymour.

SINGLE COMB BUFF ORPINGTONS—Cock 1, hen 1, 2, ckl 1, pullet 1, 2 John B. Foster.

SINGLE COMB WHITE ORPINGTONS—Ckl 1, 2, pullet 1, 2 Earl L. Cook.

PIT GAMES—Pen 1 R. E. Long; cock 1, 4, pen young 2 Fred Budlong; cock 3 Arch C. Maxon, Jr.

ROSE COMB BLUE AMERICAN—Cock 1 Arch C. Maxon.

BLUE PYLE—Ckl 1, pullet 1 H. V. Clements.

PEKIN DUCKS—Pair 1 H. A. Weston.

COLORED MUSCOVY—Pair 1 Wade Johnson.

WHITE MUSCOVY—Pair 1 Leslie Budlong.

INDIAN RUNNER—Pair 1 G. J. Pfaffenbach.

GOLDEN SEBRIGHT BANTAMS—Cock 1, hen 1, ckl 1, pullet 1 L. S. Crandall; cock 2, hen 2 Thomas Hayner; hen 3 Mrs. I. D. Miller.

BUFF COCHIN BANTAMS—Cock 1, 2, ckl 1, 2, hen 1, 2, pullet 1, 2 L. S. Crandall.

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BLACK BREASTED RED GAME BANTAMS—Ckl 1, pullet 1 Geo. W. Weston.

SLATE TURKEYS—Pair 1 Mrs. R. H. Smith.

BRONZE TURKEYS—Pair 1 Glen Storms.

PEARL GUINEAS—1 Herbert D. Scanlon.

HOMER PIGEONS—Pair 1, 3 John Limpert; 2 Glen Storms.

ALMOND TUMBLER—1 Geo. W. Weston.

Pouter 1, Fantails 1, Muffed Tumblers 1 W. D. Cook.

Black Magpies 1, Red Magpies 1, Yellow Magpies 1 L. S. Crandall.

PIT GAMES AS PRACTICAL FOWLS

The American Pit Game is one of the most useful and beautiful fowls in existence. Indeed, anybody who admires beautiful plumage and graceful carriage will dote on the game fowl. In egg production they are excelled only by the Leghorn and Minorcas. When we come down to the meat standpoint, it is universally acknowledged that the game bird is the best of domestic fowls. It is true that size is generally an objection and that the pugnacious disposition of the bird is a drawback, but this last fault can be eliminated through different methods.

I have raised a great many varieties of fowls, but I admire the Pit Game more than any other. The low-combs on the hens and pullets, makes freezing in winter impossible, and the activity of the birds always keep them warm and comfortable. These features make them excellent winter layers. As mothers they cannot be discounted, taking care of their young as no other domestic fowl can do. Woe to the rat, cat or hawk that disturbs the brood.

Like scores of other fanciers, I do not fight my birds, and admire them solely for their good qualities as above stated. If fanciers will get over the idea that Games will only cause them trouble, more Pit Games will be bred and appreciated.

"HUTCH."

SHOW AWARDS NEXT WEEK.

The American Fancier will, next week, print the awards at the shows recently held in Schenectady, Albany, Chicago, Auburn, Rochester, Bradford, Pa., Painsville, O., Cincinnati, O., Mitchell, S. D., Charlotte, N. C., Littitz, Pa., and Wyomissing, Pa. Five thousand extra copies of the issue of Saturday, March 24th, will be printed, so advertisers should bear this in mind.

A CORRECTION.

A. J. Cooper, of Duryea, Pa., writes that an error appeared in the issue of The American Fancier, of March 3d. In the list of awards at the Scranton Show Mr. Cooper should have been credited with winning pen 1 Barred Plymouth Rocks.



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Our old friend W. E. Samson, of Forest City, Pa., who for the past year has been disconsolate because he could not breed any Silver Wyandottes, has succeeded in again taking up his favorites and mated up several fine pens, selected from his old original strain, one of the finest in the country, secured his new yards and will be in the Silver Wyandotte fancy to stay. We have known Mr. Samson many years and respect him as a fine fancier and through gentleman. He is a credit to any profession and nearly all of his Silver Wyandotte friends, and they are numerous, will say what we expressed above.

The fellows that tried to corner the egg market last fall by loading up all the available cold storage plants with hen fruit bought at fairly low prices, have been hard hit. The mild winter made the lay of the hen quite pronounced and impressive and the consequence was, the frapped eggs became a drug on the market and sold for less than they were bought for in most instances. If that wise aggregation of law makers at Albany would make a few laws that would stop the cornering of eggs by the beef and other trusts and insist on fresh eggs being sold and stamped as such under penalty of a big fine if otherwise, there might be some kind words said

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about our solons in the legislature of the Empire State. It is true that the microbe of graft is not dead in the Capital City; but a real fresh egg should be rendered proof against any kind of graft, especially when it is known that some of our most famous politicians in the State have a weakness for milk punch with an egg in it or a golden fizz and sundry other decoctions that require eggs that must be as fresh as the morning dew. The fellow that sells cold storage eggs as "fresh laid" is not as scarce as the public imagines. We have met several of that ilk and it is a pity that no law can reach such crooks and punish them as they deserve to be.

There is a big demand for young Guineas after the game season closes. They occupy a prominent place on the bill of fare of many of the best restaurants in New York City. Like the Muscovy Duck they appeal to the taste of the epicure. Properly cooked they have that gamey flavor so pleasant to the palate and satisfying to the inner man.

Speaking of Muscovy Ducks, we saw a splendid collection of the latter at H. M. Carpenter's fine place at Ossining, N. Y., recently. Mr. Carpenter has bred them for many years, and won many blue ribbons with them at Madison Square, New York. He keeps them principally for use on the table and one of Harry Moral Carpenter's Muscovy duck roasts is something never to be forgotten. If anything, it beats his fish dinners, and they are in broadcloth alley every time.

The following associations have extended invitations for the holding of the next annual meeting of the American Poultry Association: Auburn, N. Y., January 7 to 12, 1907; New York City (Madison Square) January 1 to 5, 1907, and Fort Wayne, Indiana, January 21 to 26, 1907. The vote by

mail is now in progress and will close on Monday, April 2, 1906. With due respect for the claims of Auburn and Fort Wayne, we sincerely hope that the members of the Executive Committee will consider the metropolis of the United States as the best choice for the coming meeting. It will result, if New York is chosen, in the greatest, largest and most beneficial gathering of members and fanciers ever assembled in one building. Mr. Crawford, the Secretary has sent out a very businesslike invitation and statement regarding the importance of a meeting held in connection with the most successful poultry show in America. The time is at hand for just such a gathering and a thorough reorganization of the old society. And little old New York is a very good place to start a rejuvenated society on the right road to usefulness. Besides the big army of loyal members in the East are entitled to recognition, especially the New England contingent, who have had a rather raw deal of late on A. P. A. matters.

The annual membership should be abolished or so radically changed as to avoid some of the queer and nasty political scheming that has ruled in the past. The American Poultry Association can hardly be classed as commercial institutions where graft and favors rule for the benefit of officials. Its purpose is of a higher and better order, and with men of integrity and true fancier's spirit in charge, there is no reason why it should not be a model organization, not surpassed by any other live stock organization in the United States.

Dr. William Conner Cleckley, Augusta, Georgia, has had quite an experience importing birds from England. He sends a photograph of a bird that was represented to him as one of Ainscough's best Black Red stags in England, and states there is no doubt in his mind that the game bantam was stolen and a mongrel put in his place. The picture of the bird represents something like an old English Game Bantam and not a very good specimen at that. Here is what Dr. Cleckley writes regarding the transaction.

"The first of this year, I imported two Black Red Game Bantams from England, through Mr. John Wharton, of Honeycote, Hawes, Yorkshire, England. He offered to send me a pair of the 'best possible quality' for a fair price, and after I sent the money by cablegram, being so anxious to get the birds over for our show, early in January. I was the first man to send a money cablegram from our city, and it was for Black Red Bantams. Now, here comes my tale of woe. After twenty days on the way they arrived, and imagine the shock I got when I found, instead of a fine specimen of "up-to-date" game bantam, a mongrel of low degree met my eyes. A photograph of this "Rooster" I enclose for you to see. I was to get one of Ainscough's best blood. Now I wish to state, I do not believe Mr. Wharton sent this mongrel over. The bird he sent was stolen and the thief substituted this one in its place. The pullet was a good game bantam, and Mr. Wharton says the cockerel was the best Black Red he had ever seen. Now what are we to do in such a case? It

is crushing to an enthusiastic fancier to be treated in this way. But what are we to do, the Express Company charge us double rates, but give nothing, they have it all their own way."

This is not only a serious, but very difficult case to handle. It is an outrage to defraud the doctor of what he bought and a grave injustice to the fancier of Mr. Wharton's good reputation. There should be some redress in matters of this kind, and we trust that no efforts will be spared to find the culprit who substituted the mongrel for the bird ordered and shipped. As to getting anything out of Express Companies, one might as well try to get blood out of a turnip, in cases of this kind.

The advocates of simple mating will find much to comfort them in the following remarks by a new Jack Faithful in a recent number of Poultry and Pigeons, England:

"I notice in your columns last week remark by the Rev. J. N. Williams about the desirability of breeding Pile Game Bantams from one pen only. Now, have a good many friends who have, at some time, been thinking over the matter of dual breeding, and asking each other whether, with any of our breeds, it is desirable thing, to so fix the standard merit that the exhibition cockerel or pullet cannot be bred from the same pen. In Nature, the hen necessary to produce the plumage of the cock in her of spring is considered of the standard exhibition colour too, as is seen in our birds, exhibited. Again, take the case of the golden pheasant. The hen is not all unlike a golden pencilled Hamburg pullet in her ground colour and her love markings. Yet, she will produce the brilliant gaudy colours of gold, orange etc., of the male. It may be said that of breeds are made, and not natural, the standards are not natural, but arbitrary. But if so, and undoubtedly it is so, why we have the power to fix standards, why do we not fix them so that the exhibition cock and hen can both be bred from one pen? No sensible argument can be adduced why we do not. But there are many in favour of our doing so. Our birds become more valuable. We can breed a greater number of like winners on the same ground. We have not the trouble of keeping the strains together. No bother over markings, etc. No accidents from the wrong male getting to the harem. Not so many cocks to keep. Not so much danger of them fighting and spoiling themselves. In fact, we may say that, in our opinion the sooner the dual system is abolished and the better. It would be a blessing we never heard of it again."

When "Doctor Ben" Thornton, the Hon. John Filkin, Judge C. W. Hoit, Senator A. F. Peirce, Mine Ho "Billy" Hammall and several other Red Pyle Game Bantam experts read the above they will "smile a smile a mile long." Ferdinand Bantam Zimmer, the Sage of Bantamdom, is writing a few essays on single and double mating which will appear shortly in The American Fancier. In our own experience, fixed markings in both male and female Red Pyles, no matter what variety, are not to be obtained by breeding standard colored birds together, in fact, such extreme mating as using a Black Red male with washed-out Pyle females is resorted to with regular frequency, not generally known. It is a well known fact that black red chicks with yellow legs are often hatched from Red Pyle Game Bantam eggs, and amateurs are apt to condemn the seller of such, and believe the blood of the stock to be impure. It is another fact that many of the finest stationed and typical Pyle Bantam females run almost white in color but a faint lemon lacing on the hackles distinguishes them from the pure white games. They are in reality White Pyles, a variety long since discarded. The infusion of this strong

Black Red blood is, or seems to be, the only means of maintaining the desired standard markings. Perhaps the Standard is wrong in demanding such, but the Red Pyle Game fancier, "the boys that pay the freight," want such birds and with them the end justifies the means.

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In this issue we have begun the publication of show and fair dates. In this particular, we ask each secretary to see that his show is correctly announced. If we have it wrong, kindly let us know. If we still have it wrong let us know again.

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While The American Fancier wants to thank its legion of friends, there is one feature that we want to call particular attention to. That is, that you make the responsibility upon yourself if you do not do business with regularly appointed representatives of The American Fancier. They will show credentials in every instance. This caution is printed simply because some parties have been "doing" some of our good-natured patrons.

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The American Fancier has received a brochure from the Hawaii Promotion Committee representing the Territory of Hawaii, dated at Honolulu, February 15, describing the "Agricultural Possibilities of Hawaii," by Mr. Jared G. Smith, Special Agent in charge of the United States Hawaii Experiment Station. Our possessions are the Paradise of the Pacific, as may be gathered from the fact that sugar, pineapples, sisal, bananas, coffee, tobacco, vanilla, dairying, poultry, silk, vegetables, fruits, bees, stock raising and rubber constitutes the attractions that appeal to the home-seekers and those who are seeking investments.

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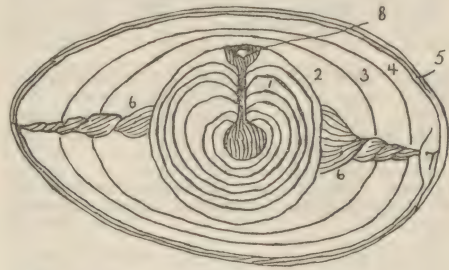
Joseph L. Shull, of Johnstown, N. Y., has been commissioned as subscription and advertising representative of The American Fancier, and will do the territory from Albany to Buffalo, and the territory tributary thereto. Mr. Shull is a thorough fancier and can pick the good birds from the poor ones every time. In the recent Madison Square Show our representative won several prizes with his Partridge Wyandottes.

Injury to Eggs by Transportation

Interesting Article by a Standard Authority.

Mr. Henry Stewart, a number of years ago did much practical writing for the agricultural papers, and in looking over our files we find the following article published in the Rural New Yorker on a subject that is of timely interest:

An egg is not simply a mass of yolk surrounded by a layer of albumen and inclosed in a shell, but consists of a vitalized germ imbedded in a mass of yellow yolk composed of several layers and surrounded by a tough membrane, known as the vitelline membrane, which is shown in the accompanying outline, the yolk at 1



and the inclosing membrane at 2. This yolk is the fertile part of the egg and is developed in the ovary. As it descends the oviduct, it becomes inclosed in a thick layer of albumen, consisting of three distinct films, each of a different density (2, 3 and 4 in the figure), and these are deposited around the yolk at three different periods during its descent along the oviduct. This albuminous covering is inclosed in a double lining membrane of a tough, fibrous character, which is the covering of those imperfect eggs known as soft-shelled eggs, and which are without any solid shell. Immediately over this and attached to it, is the outer shell, which consists chiefly of carbonate of lime. This outer shell consists of several layers of fibrous tissue woven together, and its opacity is due to air contained in the meshes of the interlaced fibers. It is porous and admits the passage of air freely through the tissue. At 6 is shown a spiral albuminous ligament attached to the vitelline membrane on each side, and also to the testaceous membrane or the fibrous inner covering of the egg. This membrane is drawn down at the obtuse end of the egg, forming a space (7) between it and the shell, which is known as the air-space, and this forms an elastic cushion for the support of the yolk while the spiral ligaments called the chalazae, act as a spring to protect the yolk against injury and support it as it floats in the albuminous layers. The cicatricula, a yellowish-white disc, seen in the surface of the yolk of a fertilized egg and shown at 8, contains the germinal vesicle and is connected by a canal with the center of the yolk, which is formed of white globules, while the rest of the yolk is made up of yellow granulations, designated vitelline globules.

Such being the character of an egg, it is seen to be made up of the most fragile materials, inclosed in a comparatively strong protecting shell and supported by springs from the jars to which it may be naturally subjected

by the movements it may undergo in the nest during incubation. But nature has made no provision for artificial conditions, as transportation by railroads and wagons, and the jars and jolts which occur in such transportation, and as the interior of the egg is balanced in a very delicate manner only to meet natural conditions, it is by no means prepared for those unnatural ones to which it is subjected when eggs are carried hundreds or thousands of miles over railroads in freight cars which are jostled and jarred and bumped forcibly in transit; consequently it is very easy to destroy the vitality of an egg by shaking it, and I have met farmers who, when forced to dispose of the eggs of costly pure-bred fowls to the stores, killed them by holding them in the hand and jarring it smartly on the palm of the other one. Such a jar would evidently rupture the spiral ligaments and set the yolk free, or possibly rupture the delicate covering membrane of the yolk, or disturb its several layers and displace the attachment of the germinal vesicle, which is the seat of the vitality of the egg.

Water transportation is the safest for carrying eggs, as it is free from the solid shocks which occur when freight cars are bumped together or jolted over the uneven rails. But it is not difficult to arrange a box supported by springs or elastic cushions for carrying valuable eggs to be used for hatching. I devised one some years ago in this way:—a small box was used for packing the eggs, which were wrapped in paper and packed in dry sphagnum moss. This box was then fastened to an inner box by the strongest rubber bands made, so that it was suspended freely in the center. The space was filled in loosely with the dry moss, and a leather strap handle was nailed to the box to serve as a handle for lifting it to insure as far as possible its being kept right side up. Eggs sent in this way traveled 1,500 miles by steamer and railroad without any damage.

The facts above given I think go to show that eggs are and must be quite frequently injured for incubation by the shocks met with in transportation, and it is to this injury that disappointment in hatching is due. I cannot conceive how an egg that has been so roughly treated as to have the contents so delicately constructed all mixed up, can be reconstructed by a few days' rest any more than a person who has been mashed to a jelly in a railroad collision could settle back to his proper condition by being put into a soft easy bed in a hospital for a few days. Such shaking up and mixing would be fatal to the egg and must be avoided by preventing any possible injury during transportation. No doubt some of the gentlemen in the experiment stations are sufficiently well versed in this branch of anatomy to be able to detect the cause of failure to hatch, and if it be due to defect of vitality or to injury. An egg boiled hard will exhibit all the various peculiarities of structure on

dissection, and if it has been mixed up the injury will be plainly apparent. I believe, however, that the fault is mostly due to want of vitality in the egg, and that this is caused by the manner in which fancy poultry is kept, cooped in yards, for instance, and generally overfed and having too little exercise, and, possibly, sometimes too closely bred; but no doubt some of it is due to rough treatment during transportation.

DATES CLAIMED.

Under this heading there will appear each week a list of all the shows claiming dates for the coming season. Secretaries of poultry, pigeon and pet stock exhibitions will confer a favor by sending in the dates selected as promptly as possible. It is not only a convenience and guide to secretaries of shows that have not selected their dates, but of great interest to readers of The American Fancier, a majority of whom are exhibitors.

The name of secretary and judges will be appreciated when sending in notices.

Aug. 21-24—Cortlandt, N. Y. Cortlandt County Agricultural Society, W. J. Greenman, Secretary.
Nov. 12-17—Houston, Tex., Hewey S. Fox, Jr., Secretary.
Dec. 4-8—Youngstown, O., H. J. Cossler, Secretary.
Dec. 4-8—Wilkes Barre, Pa., David T. Miller, Secretary.
Dec. 6-9—Danbury, Conn., C. H. Brundage, Secretary.
Jan. 15-19, 1907—Kansas City, Mo., P. H. DePree, Secretary.
Jan. 15-19—Angola, Ind., Tri-State P. and P. S. Association, W. K. Sheffer, Secretary.
Jan. 30-Feb. 2—St. Albans, Vt., C. O. Barrett, Secretary.
Dec. 4-8—Providence, R. I., Rhode Island Poultry Association, W. I. Brown, Secretary, 6 Exchange Place.
Dec. 12-15—Corsicana, Tex., W. E. Elliott, Secretary, Box 281.
Dec. 12-14—Kingston, N. Y., F. E. Miller, Secretary, Rifton, N. Y.

BRISK BUSINESS BRIEFS.

Superintendent J. Robert Livingston, of the Biltmore Poultry Yards, Biltmore, N. C., writes The American Fancier that men in the know from little old New York are at the yards on the Biltmore possessions testing out machine gas for use in operating the incubators and brooders. Editor Drevenstedt will tell something in this line in his observations in "From the Editor's Perch."

The latest suggestion for a Jacobin Pigeon Standard is: Hood, 24; chain, 16; mane, 16; head and beak, 4; eye, 2; carriage, 15; markings, 10; color, 9; shape of body, 2; legs and feet, 2.

The following are the recently-elected officers of the Working Homer Pigeon Club: President, E. P. Washburn; Vice-Presidents, J. A. Riley, A. Lloyd; Secretary-Treasurer, W. A. Hersey; Executive Committee, Messrs. Lockwood, Davenport and Horsman.

The recently-elected officers of the American Owl Club are as follows: President, C. K. Mervine; Vice-President, Thomas Scholes; Secretary-Treasurer, A. D. Robinson; Executive Committee, Messrs. Mervine, Scholes, Meyer, Irving and Robinson.

IMPORTANT NOTICE!

Patrons should bear in mind that all accounts previous to March 1, 1906, are due to the Howard Publishing Co., No. 714 Twelfth Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. All accounts after that date are due to The American Fancier Printing and Publishing Co., Havemeyer Building, No. 26 Cortlandt Street, New York City.

The Title Page.

The half-tone on the title page of this issue is that of the Silver Wyandotte Cockerel, owned and bred by A. T. Beckett, M. D., of Salem, N. J. (not Newark, as the fellow who made up the title page has made it). This bird was first at the Newark Show, and Mr. J. H. Drevenstedt pronounced it to be the finest of its species produced during the season past. The Doctor is a fancier of long standing, and of the best reputation in poultrydom. His birds are known from the Atlantic to the Pacific. Those who enter a bird in the same class with Doctor Beckett's birds know that they have no lead pipe cinch.

The Cortlandt County Agricultural Society will hold its sixty-eighth annual fair August 21-24, 1906.

CLASSIFIED ADS

Notice.—No every other week or once a month contracts for classified advertisements will be accepted. See editorial page for classified ad rates.

PLYMOUTH ROCKS.

BUFF ROCKS EXCLUSIVELY.—WE have mated up for this season's breeding our best birds selected from our Auburn winners, nice, rich, even buff, and will book a few egg orders at \$2.50 per 15. See Fancier for Auburn awards. Stephen Westlake, 17 Union St., Auburn, N. Y. 96-47

BARRED ROCKS.—14 GRAND MATINGS, 7 for cks., 7 for pullets; Madison Square winners in both matings. Birds scored at 1905 show, by leading judges, from 93 1-2 to 95 1-2 for females. Eggs, \$3 straight, per setting. C. H. Shaylor, Lee, Mass. 94-45

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RIDGELY'S BARRED PLYMOUTH ROCKS, won at Herald Square and Madison Square. Birds and Eggs for sale; eggs, \$3 per 13. Joseph Phipps, Mgr., Towson, Md. 01-52

WORLD'S FAIR WINNERS.—COCKS, Cockerels, Pullets, for sale. Clean sweep wherever shown. Six first prizes at Poughkeepsie; more prizes New York State Fair, 1904-05, than twenty competitors combined. Cockerels, three dollars up; pullets, two. Edgewood Farm, Ballston Lake, N. Y. 588-tf

400 BARRED P. ROCKS. BRADLEY Bros. strain; pure fine stock. Write for prices and show-room record. Blue Barred Farm, Box 40, Chagewater, N. J. F. H. Castner, Prop. 527-tf

BUFF ROCKS.—WINNINGS AT MADISON Square Garden, New York, January 2-6, 1906, 1st and 2d pens and 3d pullet. At Hagerstown, Md., Oct. 13-16, 1905, 1st and 2d pens, 1st cock, 1st and 3d hens, 1st and 2d cockerels, 4th pullet. Eggs for sale from best selected pens, \$3 per 13. George Fox, Torresdale, Phila., Pa. 638-47

WHITE ROCKS. WINNERS OF WHITE Rock Silver Cup at Lititz, Dec. 05. Eggs from prize matings, \$3 and \$1.50 per 15. J. D. Koons, Northampton, Pa. 35-86

SILVER PENCILED AND PARTRIDGE Plymouth Rocks for sale. Eggs for setting, \$2.00 per 13. Poultry farm for sale. Chas. P. Pond, Camden, N. Y. 641-643

BUFF ROCKS EXCLUSIVELY. MATED for the best results; headed by even Buff cockerels, sired by 1st prize cockerel. Madison Square, 1905. Winners of 19 prizes, 7 Specials, on 19 entries this season. Eggs, \$2 per 15. Geo. W. Hatt, Mohn's Store, Pa. 641-646

KERLIN'S BUFF ROCKS ARE GREAT layers and prize winners. They have size and shape, are solid Buff. Winners at Boston and Scranton, 1906; Herald Square, N. Y., and Harrisburg, 1904-5. Eggs, \$1.00 per 13; \$6.00 per 100. Mrs. Bertha M. Kerlin, Box 20, Douglassville, Pa. 642-647

BOUCK'S BARRED ROCKS WON 55 regular and 35 special prizes this season. Best eggs, \$3.00 per 15; \$5.00 per 30. Incubator eggs, \$5.00 per 100. Arthur G. Bouck, Frankfort, N. Y. 52tf

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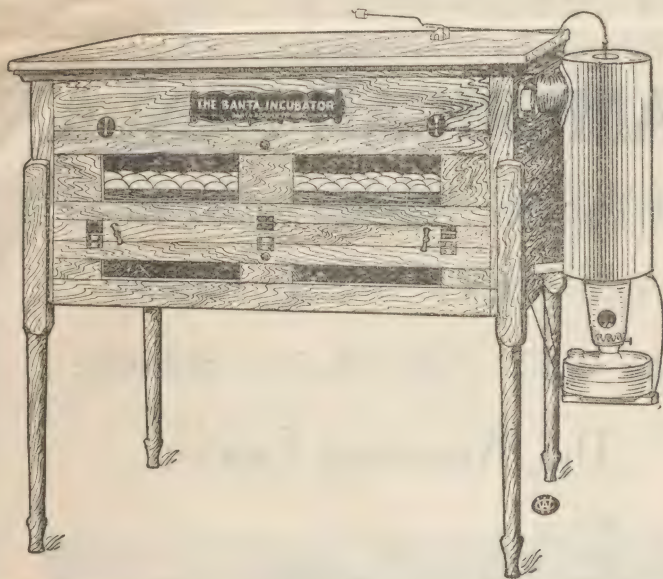
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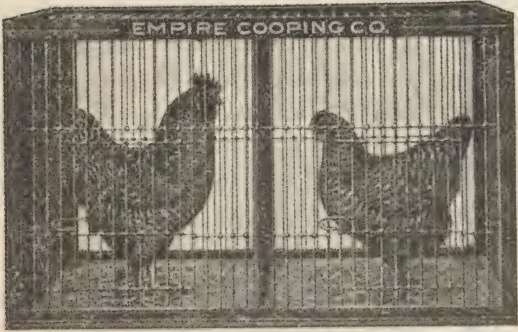
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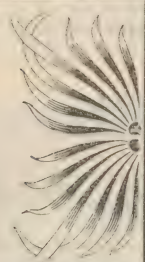
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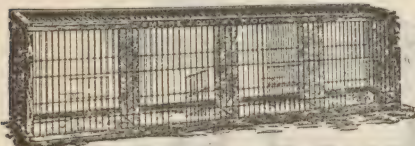
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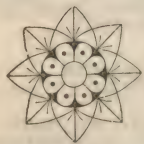
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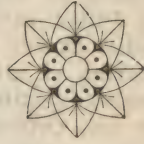
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THE BLONDINETTE

(By James F. King in The Feathered World)



The Blondinette, owing its origin primarily, as will be shown later in these notes, to the Satinette, is perhaps the most popular of the Oriental frilled varieties. Its imposing appearance and carriage, the dark head, with in some of the colors, the body having every feather evenly laced throughout, the needle pointed crest, and full-feathered frill, with grouse-like foot feathers, all tend to its attractiveness, and very seldom is a really good bird seen on view at the exhibitions but it arrests the attention of almost every passer-by, be he fancier or only the casual visitor, and invariably elicits the remark, "What a pretty pigeon." Pretty it is, and beautiful, too; and the wonder is that so few fanciers, comparatively speaking, have as yet devoted their attention to the cultivation and development of such a charming bird.

From an artistic point alone it should attract far greater notice, although there is no doubt that the number of its admirers are gradually increasing. The combination of the various points in a good bird all go to please the eye, structural beauty, as well as evenness of lacing and clearness of ground color, making up the perfect bird, which, alas! has yet to be produced.

The head, which should be round and broad, with a continuous sweep from the tip of the beak right up the peak, is where the principal defect exists, the perfect "sweep" being scarcely ever seen, there almost invariably being a nasty break at the junction of the beak and wattle. How constantly in our show reports we find the remark, "badly set beak," a further defect being lack of width and fullness over the wattle and between the eye and the beak, whereas a good front is half the making of a good bird. Often, however, these head points are more fully developed in partly laced and self-colored birds, although so difficult to produce in conjunction with good lacing.

This, which is always so attractive, should be even, each feather being edged with the desired color; and in the blacks and duns especially this should extend throughout the entire body, as well as being as uniform as possible, and not heavier on the wing butts than towards the tail, the ground color being a pure white, and not peppery or rusty, as is unfortunately so prevalent. In the blues, reds, sulphurs, and yellows the lacing should be upon the wings only, the flights showing a slight edging of color, as well as a spot on each feather of the tail, the remainder of the body being of a good sound color throughout.

Often, however, birds of these colors are now seen with the lacing extending far beyond the wings; the other parts of the body, as well as the tail and flights, showing a greater similarity to the blacks and duns, probably caused by the promiscuous crossing of the two kinds of marking and the pairing of extra well-laced birds together. The blue and silver-barred birds are very beautiful, if quite sound in color and the bars as nearly pure white as possible; but this, in conjunction with good flight markings and perfect tail spots, is as difficult to obtain as good lacing, one point or the other continually failing to make its desired appearance, so as to get the whole combination perfect. The finish which a closely, well-set peak, as well as a stout thick beak, gives to the head is very apparent, and the frill adds fullness to the chest which makes the body assume that cobby and smart appearance which is so characteristic of the Oriental breed.

To the fancier with an elementary knowledge of pigeons no variety should appeal more strongly, as without unnecessarily disparaging other breeds there remains the fact that to the lover of the beautiful there is none that affords greater pleasure to the eye, no unnecessary trouble, and in the breeding allows a wider margin of chance, which always has a peculiar fascination. With an aviary of the most modest dimensions, provided it is dry, well ventilated, and free from draughts, Blondinettes may be kept equally as well as other varieties of the pigeon tribe, in fact, some of the best birds of the present day have been bred under the most ordinary conditions. The food most suitable is good old maple peas and vetches, with a little dari and wheat, and an occasional sprinkling of hemp and canary seed, and it is seldom that one is found ailing, a pinch of Epsom salts generally working the desired effect should such be the case. They are subject to no disease other than those to which the generality of pigeons are liable, and the same may be said of all the conditions under which they are generally kept.

Perhaps it is in the selection of the most suitable birds for mating together, where observation and experience are the more necessary if first-class specimens are to be obtained. It has been generally laid down that two show birds cannot always be relied upon to produce good exhibition stock, although in every case this must not be assumed; still, some of the best birds known have been bred from parents, one of which would be apparently of very inferior merit, but

which still possessed one or two valuable points very strongly developed. There is no doubt that to obtain good structural points the best hens possible should be procured, but unfortunately in this particular variety they are difficult to find, and to anyone possessing a good stud of hens, with the requisite knowledge of pairing, success must ultimately be assured.

Strain, again, will always tell its tale, an illustration of which the writer experienced some years ago. A self-colored black cock, probably bred off first-class stock, mated to a bad-colored hen produced a black laced youngster, one of the best-laced pigeons that has been seen for years. The probability is that the cock was bred off laced parents, and of a consolidated strain, and the result was the reproduction of the lacing in the young bird, the mongrel properties of the hen being entirely overcome by the concentration of strain which existed in the cock.

Although Blondinettes have no difficulty in bringing up their young, especially if assisted by occasional hand feeding when required, still it is always advisable to have a few feeders available, as some birds of even any variety are not good parents, and to be able to transfer a promising youngster that is not thriving as it should to foster parents often saves what might become a valuable bird. Long-faced Tumblers and Flying Homers are perhaps the most useful for this purpose, and can be generally relied on to do the requisite duty if not unnecessarily interfered with.

For exhibition no birds adapt themselves more readily, the faking and trimming of which we hear so much in some of the other varieties being entirely dispensed with; no attention is needed to eye ceres, and wattles require no manipulation, possibly just the tip of the beak may sometimes be shortened, beyond this nothing is legitimate. Many birds, in fact, can be taken direct from the aviary and packed for show without the slightest preparation, of course, assuming that they are kept under ordinary cleanly conditions.

Speaking of showing, it is somewhat remarkable that so few first-class exhibition birds have been bred, i. e., those that will stand the ordeal of the show-pen after their first year. At the present time the really first-class cocks can be easily numbered on one's fingers, and birds that were winning two or three years ago can still hold their own against anything that has been produced since. This, of course, is not a good sign, but since the days of Verdon's famous stud the general

all-round improvement has not been maintained, and to-day no better opportunity could be found for the culture and development of the exhibition bird; in fact, there is a big opening for anyone with the necessary inclination to take up the Blondinette, there being no very high studs in existence, and no breeder who can put down a team of birds very far superior to others who identify themselves with this particular variety. The Fancy, in fact, was never more open, and perhaps never in a more healthy condition.

A few years ago we were periodically startled with the announcement that a noted bird had been imported from Smyrna, but even that source of production has apparently been exhausted, nothing of any great value being obtainable just now, in fact, it is generally conceded that the home-bred stock easily compete with the imported birds. This is not so much due to the improvement at home, as to the fact that all the best birds from abroad have been secured.

Reverting to the origin of the Blondinette, perhaps the testimony of Mr. Caridia, a native of the East, as given in Fulton's Book of Pigeons, would not be inappropriate. Speaking of Blondinettes he proceeds as follows:—"About twenty-five years ago one of the principal Oriental fanciers conceived the idea of breeding, if possible, every variety they possessed with the grouse muffs of the Satinette. He commenced first with the Owl tribe, and he succeeded in breeding from a cross of a silver Owl and a Satinette a blue Owl with partially-feathered legs. He then mated this blue Owl with a Satinette hen, and this cross produced the first Blondinette, which I succeeded in obtaining from him. But you must understand that, though this young bird was grouse muffed and of a similar body and shoulder color to the present birds, it only possessed small white spots on the tail feathers, and none on the flights. This proved a cock bird, and soon after I met with a similarly bred hen, as nearly like the cock as possible, bred by a Turkish fancier, which I procured and mated to the cock I had; but before these birds began to breed I departed for America, where, after a year, I received the information that my stock was in the hands of the old Presbyterian I alluded to previously. Under his care their cultivation commenced, but very soon it spread, and it became the aim of every fancier."

Practically the only literature we have on Oriental Frills is contained in the section devoted to them in this

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In conclusion, the writer would like just to add a personal remark, and, in venturing to hope that the foregoing notes may be of some little interest to others, always contemplates with pleasure the happy hours spent in the tending and rearing of these "feathered gems," and with confidence has no hesitation in saying that none of the anxieties and disappointments incidental to their culture has in any degree damped his enthusiasm for what he makes free to describe as the "fairest flowers of the Pigeon Fancy."

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(Washington Star.)
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THE SCHENECTADY AWARDS.

Barred Plymouth Rocks—Old, pen 1 Arthur G. Bouck, 3 A. E. Shaver, 2, 4 L. C. Crandall & Co.; pen, young, 1 Arthur G. Bouck, 2 A. E. Shaver, 3 R. C. Jones, 4 L. C. Crandall, 5 Jesse D. Wet-sell; cock 1, 3 Arthur G. Bouck, 2, 4 L. C. Crandall & Co.; hens 1, 4 L. C. Crandall & Co., 2, 3 Arthur G. Bouck; ckl 1, 2, 4 L. C. Crandall & Co., 3, 5 Arthur G. Bouck; pullets 1, 2 C. E. Hubbell, 3 Arthur G. Bouck, 4, 5 L. C. Crandall & Co.

Buff Plymouth Rocks—Old, pen 1 Edgewood Farm; pen, young 1, 2, 3, 4 Edgewood Farm; cocks 1, 2, 3 Edgewood Farm; hens 1 Edgewood Farm, 2 Wm. H. Keyser, 3 Edgewood Farm, 4 C. E. Hubbell; ckl 1, 4 Edgewood Farm, 3 Wm. H. Keyser, 2 Edgewood Farm, 5 C. E. Hubbell; pullets 1, 2 Edgewood Farm, 3 Wm. Keyser, 4 Jacob Thelen.

White Plymouth Rocks—Old, pen 1 Chas. Spugh; pen, young 1, 3 J. F. Whitbeck, 2 Wm. A. Houck, 4 Chas. Spugh; cock 1 Wm. A. Houck, 2 J. F. Whitbeck; hens 1, 2 J. F. Whitbeck, 3, 4 Chas. Spugh; ckl 1 Wm. A. Houck, 2 Wm. McNeil, 3 Whitbeck, 4, 5 Suegle; pullets 1, 2, 4 Houck, 3 McNeil.

Partridge Rocks—Ckl 1 C. E. Hubbell; pullet 1 Hubbell.

Columbian Rocks—Pen, young, 1 De Graff Poultry Farm.

White Wyandottes—Pen, old, 1 Packwood & Jeffs, 2 Walter McEwen, 3 C. F. Smith, 4 H. A. Beack; cock 1 Harry Chase, 2, 4 Packwood & Jeffs, 3 Wm. C. Dougall, 5 G. R. Shauber; hen 1 C. F. Smith, 2, 3 Wm. Dougall, 4, 5 Packwood & Jeffs; ckl 1 Shauber, 2, 3 Packwood & Jeffs, 4 Dougall, 5 Smith; pullet 1 Packwood & Jeffs, 2 C. F. Smith, 3, 4 Wm. C. Dougall, 5 Simeon Stephens.

Buff Wyandottes—Pen, young, 1, 2 R. Brooks Robbins, 3 S. B. Faxon; cocks 1, 3 R. Brooks Robbins, 2 J. H. Blunck; hen 1, 2, 3 R. B. Robbins; ckl 1, 2 R. Brooks Robbins, 3 Fred Bloomingdale; pullet 1, 2, 3 Robbins, 4 Blunck.

Columbian Wyandottes—Pen, young, 1 De Graff Poultry Farm; ckl 1 De Graff Poultry Farm, 2 H. W. Polgreen; pullet 1 De Graff Poultry Farm.

Silver Pencilled Wyandottes—Cock 1 G. J. Plaffenbach, 2 A. G. Warner, 3, 4 David Dunn, 5 C. Van Deman; hen 1, 2 Plaffenbach, 3 Van Deman, 4, 5 Dunn; ckl 1 Wm. McNeil, 2 Van Deman, 3 Dunn; pullet 1 McNeil, 2 Dunn.

Golden Laced Wyandottes—Hen 1, ckl 1, pullet 1 Ira Sitterly.

Partridge Wyandottes—Ckl 1, 2 John Urquhart; pullet 1 Walter McEwen, 2 Urquhart.

Silver Wyandottes—Cock 1 A. M. Crandall & Son; pullet 1, 2 Crandall & Son.

Black Wyandottes—Hen 1 Spencer Hart.

Single Comb Rhode Island Reds—Pen, old, 1, 2 DeGraff Poultry Farm; pen, young, 1, 2, 4 De Graff Poultry Farm, 3 Union Poultry Yds., 5 Geo. A. Rice; cock 1 Union Poultry Yds., 2, 3, 5 De Graff Poultry Farm, 4 Thos. E. McManus; hen 1, 2, 3 De Graff Poultry Farm, 4 Union Poultry Yds.; ckl 1, 3, 4 De Graff Poultry Farm, 2 J. H. Dannenberg, 5 Nelson Ainsworth; pullet 1, 2, 3 De Graff Poultry Farm, 4 Union Poultry Yds, 5 Geo. A. Ensign.

Rose Comb Rhode Island Reds—Pen, young, 1, 2 De Graff Poultry Farm; cock 1 Geo. P. Barnard, 2 Geo. W. DeRidder, 3 DeGraff Poultry Farm; hen 1 DeGraff Poultry Farm; ckl 1 DeGraff Poultry Farm, 2 J. H. Luke, 3 L. S. Relyea, 4 Geo. A. Rice; pullet 1, 2 Geo. P. Barnard, 3 DeGraff Poultry Farm, 4 Geo. A. Rice. Buckeyes—Cock 1 J. C. Lenardson, ckl 1 Lenardson; pullet 1 Lenardson.

White Klondikes—Ckl 1 Jacob J. Thelen.

Rose Comb Blue Americans—Ckl 1 J. McMary.

Single Comb White Leghorns—Pen, old, 1 W. J. Cavert; pen, young, 1 Termaine J. Schell, 2 W. J. Cavert, 3 DeGraff Poultry Farm; cock 1 Adelbert J. Armstrong, 3, 4 Geo. W. DeRidder, 2 Geo. D. Shultes; hen 1 Geo. R. Shauber, 2 Geo. D. Shultes; ckl 1 H. E. Humphrey, 2 Charles Abbott, 3 Geo. D. Shultes, 4 Robt. Murray, 5 Fred Van; pullet 1 H. E. Humphrey, 2 Geo. R. Shauber, 3 Geo. D. Shultes, 4 Fred Von Der Ahe, 5 F. B. Harrington.

Single Comb Brown Leghorns—Pen, old, 1 E. E. Boyce; pen, young, 1 Boyce, 2 Lynd Bros., 3 Elmer Holbrook, 4 Henry F. Anssicker; cock 1 Edward D. Scott, 2 Lynd, 3, 5 Boyce, 4 Elmer Holbrook; hen 1, 3 Holbrook, 2, 5 Boyce, 4 Scott; ckl 1, 2 Elmer Holbrook; pullet 1, 5 Boyce, 2, 4 Holbrook, 3 Lynd Bros.

Buff Leghorns—Pen, young, 1 C. P. DeWitt, 2 J. C. Lenardson; cock 1 DeWitt, 2 C. A. McMillan, 3 Gretter & Lanon; hen 1 H. W. Frakin, 2 C. A. McMillan, 3 DeWitt; ckl 1 C. A. McMillan, 2 DeWitt; pullet 1, 3 C. A. McMillan, 2, 4 DeWitt.

Black Leghorns—Hen 1, 2 Frank S. Hathorn; ckl 1 Hathorn.

Rose Comb White Leghorns—Pen, young, 1 Bertram Tullock, 2 Spencer Hart.

Rose Comb Brown Leghorns—Pen, young, 1 Spencer Hart; cock 1 Wm. T. Liddell; hen 1 Liddell, 2 L. S. Relyea; ckl 1 Howard DeF. Gates, 3, 4 Liddell; pullet 1, 3 Liddell, 2, 4 Relyea.

Single Comb Black Minorcas—Pen, old, 1 B. M. Rulison; pen, young, 1 Jay Salsburg; hen 1 Rulison; ckl 1 Fred Laden, 2 Stephen Kniffin; pullet 1 Adelbert J. Armstrong, 2 Kniffin, 3 Laden.

Single Comb Black Minorcas—Pen, old, 1 B. M. Rulison; pen, young, 1 Jay Sals-

burg; hen 1 Rulison; ckl 1 Fred Laden, 2 Stephen Kniffin; pullet 1 Adelbert Armstrong, 2 Kniffin, 3 Laden.

Rose Comb Black Minorcas—Pen, young, 1 Spencer Hart; ckl 1 Hart, 2 B. M. Rulison; pullet 1 Hart.

Anconas—Pen, young, 1 Spencer Hart. Light Brahmas—Cock 1, 5 Fred E. Hoyt, 2 John H. Warner, 3 East View Poultry Yds, 4 W. B. Allen; pen, young, 1 John H. Warner; hen 1, 3 Fred E. Hoyt, 2 East View Poultry Yds, 4, 5 W. B. Allen; ckl 1, 2 F. E. Hoyt, 3 Allen, 4 Warner; pullet 1, 3 Hoyt, 4 Allen, 2 Warner, 5 East View Poultry Yds.

Dark Brahmas—Cock 1, hen 1, ckl 1, pullet 1 Lynd Bros.

Buff Cochins—Pen, old, 1, pen, young, 1, cock 1 John H. Warner; hen 1 F. Laden, 2 John H. Warner; ckl 1 Warner; pullet 1 Warner.

Partridge Cochins—Cock 1 Harry J. Fuller; hen 1 H. J. Fuller, 2 Mrs. Catherine Fraking & Son; ckl 1, 2 Harry B. Fuller; pullet 1 H. J. Fuller.

White Langshans—Ckl 1, pullet 1 H. J. Warner.

Black Langshans—Pen, old, 1 W. McEwen; cock 1 E. Shaver, 2 Fred Laden; hen 1 Laden; ckl 1 Shaver.

Cornish Indian Games—Pen 1, cock 1, hen 1 A. C. Wheeler; ckl 1 Wheeler, 2 Gretten & Lanon; pullet 1 Wheeler, 2 Gretten & Lanon.

Pit Games—Cock 1 Ansel C. Maxon, 2 N. C. White, 3 Horace Bolton; hen 1 Bolton, 2 Maxon; ckl 1 Maxon; pullet 1 White, 2 Maxon.

Silver Spangled Hamburgs—Cock 1, 2 Earl H. Wilson, 3 Erwin A. West; hens 1, 2 Wilson; ckl 1, 2 Wilson, 3 West, 4 Spencer Hart; pullet 1, 2 Wilson.

Golden Spangled Hamburgs—Cock 1 Ira Sitterly, 2 Dr. J. S. Garrett; hen 1 Sitterly, 2 Garrett; ckl 1 Garrett; pullet 1 Sitterly, 2 Garrett.

Silver Pencilled Hamburgs—Pen, old, 1 Chas. W. Lombard.

Golden Pencilled Hamburgs—Cock 1 Ira Sitterly; hen 1 Sitterly, 2, 3 Kettner Bros.; ckl 1 Kettner Bros.; pullet 1 Sitterly, 2, 3 Kettner Bros.

White Plain Polish—Ckl 1, pullet 1 H. M. Bailey.

White Crested Black Polish—Hen 1 Mrs. Catherine Fraking & Son.

Bearded Buff Laced Polish—Ckl 1 H. M. Bailey.

Houdans—Pen, old, 1 Arch W. Jones; pen, young, 1 E. A. Houck, 2 P. H. McDonald; cock 1, 4 Arch W. Jones, 2 Houck, 3 McDonald; hen 1 W. Jones, 2 Houck, 3, 4 McDonald; ckl 1, 2 Houck, 3 Jones; pullet 1, 3 Houck, 2 Jones, 4 McDonald.

Single Comb Buff Orpingtons—Pen, young, J. C. Lenardson; cock 1 J. W. Mambert, 2 Earl M. Pettingill; hen 1 Lenardson, 2, 3 Pettingill; ckl 1 Mambert, 2 Pettingill, 3 Garrett; pullet 1 Mambert, 2 Pettingill.

Rose Comb Buff Orpingtons—Hen 1, ckl 1, 2, pullet 1, 2 Dr. J. S. Garrett.

Single Comb White Orpingtons—Ckl 1, pullet 1 Dr. J. S. Garrett.

Rose Comb White Orpingtons—Cock 1, hen 1, ckl 1, pullet 1 Dr. J. S. Garrett.

Single Comb Jubilee Orpingtons—Pen, old, Dr. J. S. Garrett.

Single Comb Spangled Orpingtons—Ckl 1, pullet 1 Dr. J. S. Garrett.

Salmon Favorolles—Ckl 1, pullet 1 Fred Laden.

Silver Grey Dorkings—Ckl 1, pullet 1 J. H. Pitney.

Colored Dorkings—Hen 1, ckl 1, pullet 1 J. H. Pitney.

Black Breasted Red Games—Hen 1, ckl 1 F. H. Heuer.

Golden Sebright Bantams—Cock 1 Mrs. Catherine Fraking & Son; pullet 1 Geo. Van Derveer, 2 Mrs. C. Fraking & Son.

Silver Sebright Bantams—Cock 1 Geo. Van Derveer, 2 Dr. A. T. Sitterly; hen 1, 3 Van Derveer, 2 Sitterly; ckl 1 Van Derveer, 2 Sitterly; pullet 1, 4 Van Derveer, 2, 3, 5 Sitterly.

Buff Cochins—Pen, old, 1 L. S. Crandall & Co., 2 Geo. Van Derveer; pen, young, 1 Crandall & Co.; cock 1, 2 Crandall & Co., 3 Van Derveer, 4 Edward J. Lansing; hen 1, 2 Crandall & Co., 3, 4 Derveer, 5 Lansing; ckl 1, 2 Crandall & Co., 3, 4 Derveer; pullet 1, 2 Crandall & Co., 3, 4 Derveer.

Light Brahma Bantams—Cock 1 Fred E. Hoyt, 2, 3 H. G. Webb, Jr.; hen 1 Hoyt, 2, 3 Webb, Jr.; ckl 1, 2 Hoyt, 3 Webb, Jr.; pullet 1, 2 Hoyt.

Black Japanese Bantams—Ckl 1, 2 Evalena J. Whitbeck; pullet 1, 2, 3 Whitbeck.

Sicilian Buttercups—Pen, young, 1, cock 1, hen 1, ckl 1, 2, pullet 1, 2 Dr. E. E. Reynolds.

White Sicilian Buttercups—Cock 1, hen 1, ckl 1, pullet 1, 2 Dr. E. E. Reynolds.

Pearl Guineas—Cock 1, hen 1 Geo. J. Plaffenbach.

English Pheasants—Pen, young, 1 C. P. DeWitt; cock 1 Dr. E. E. Reynolds, 2 DeWitt; hen 1 Reynolds, ckl 1 Reynolds, 2 DeWitt; pullet 1 Reynolds, 2, 3 DeWitt.

Silver Pheasants—Cock 1 C. P. DeWitt, 2 Dr. E. E. Reynolds; hen 1 C. P. DeWitt, 2 Reynolds.

Reeves' Pheasants—Ckl 1, pullet 1 Dr. E. E. Reynolds.

Indian Runner Ducks—Pen, young, all to Irving E. Cook; drakes, old, all to Cook; ducks, old, all to Cook; drakes, young, 1, 2, 3, 4 Cook, 5 Geo. J. Plaffenbach; ducks, young, 1, 2, 3, 4 Cook, 5 Plaffenbach.

Geese—1 H. Jaroszenski.

PIGEONS—Silver Homers—1 Wm. Ellis Gilmour.

White Homers 1, Black Homers 1, Red Check Homers 1, Blue Check Homers 1 all to Frank Clute.

Red Pied Pouters—1 Constant Mariotte.

Yellow Pied Pouters—1 Constant Mariotte, 2 Wm. Ellis Gilmour.

Blue Pied Pouters—1 Constant Mariotte.

Black Pouters—1 Ansel C. Maxon.

Jacobins—1 Constant Mariotte.

Black Barless Swallows—1 Constant Mariotte.

Red Carneaux—1, 2 White & Son.

Chocolate Tumblers—1, White Ruffle Necks 1 to Wm. Ellis Gilmour.

White Fan Tails—1 Ansel C. Maxon.

White Dutchers 1, Silver Runts 1, 2, Blue Runts 1, 2, Black Runts, 1 Black Check Cock 1, hen 1, Blue Cock and Dun Hen 1 Dr. E. E. Reynolds.

ALBANY, N. Y., AWARDS.

Columbian Wyandottes—Ckl 1, pul 1 Harris; pen 1 DeGraff.

Black Javas—All to Edgewood Farm.

Mottled Javas—All to F. A. Anderson.

Single Comb Rhode Island Reds—Pen 1 DeGraff; ckl 1 Dannenberg, ckl 2, pullet 1 Tracey; ckl 3 Warner; pullet 2 Hildebrand; pen cocks Rice.

Rose Comb Rhode Island Reds—Cock 1, hen 2, ckl 1 Cheesborough, hen 1, 3, pen cocks 1 Long; Ckl 3, pullet 1, 3 Wilbur; ckl 2, pullet 2 Miller; pen fowls 1, cock 2 Orchard Ridge Farm; pen cocks 3 Duntz.

Light Brahmas—Cock 1, 3, ckl 1, 2, pullet 1, 3 Hoyt; cock 2, hen 2 Edgewood Farm; hen 1, ckl 3, pullet 3 Herzberg; hen 3, pen 1 Etling.

Dark Brahmas—All to Lynd Bros.

Buff Cochins—Cock 1, hen 1, pen fowls 2 F. H. Anderson; hen 2, ckl 1, pullet 1, pen fowls 1, cock 1 Etling.

Partridge Pale Cochins—Cock 1, hen 1 Fuller; cock 2, hen 2, ckl 1, pullet 1, pen 1 F. H. Anderson.

Black Langshans—Cock 1 Shover; cock 2, hen 1, ckl 1, 2, pullet 1, 2, pen 1 Beard & Calkins; ckl 3 Capitol City Poultry House.

White Langshans—All to Warner.

Barred Rocks—Cock 1, hen 1, ckl 1, pullet 2, pen cocks 1 Jonas Haynes; cock 2, hen 2, ckl 3, pullet 1, 3, pen fowls 3, chicks 3 L. S. Crandall; cock 3 E. Shover; pen fowls 2, pen cocks 2 Jno. Etling; pen fowls 1 C. N. Travis.

White Rocks—Cock 1, pen fowls 1 P. E. Chichester; cock 2, hen 1, 2; ckl 2, pen cocks 1 Jno. Kemp; cock 3, ckl 3, pullet 1, 2 Wm. A. Houck; pen cocks 2, hen 3 Etling; ckl 1, pullet 3 D. B. Greenhill.

Buff Rocks—Cock 1 B. Spade; cock 2, ckl 1, pullet 1, 3 Keyser; cock 3 Mathias; ckl 2, pullet 2 Wilcox; ckl 3 Marsden; pen cocks 1 Tracey; pen cocks 2 Leaning; pen cocks 3 Etling.

Silver Laced Wyandottes—Cock 1, hen 1, ckl 1, pullet 1, 2 Craig; cock 2, hen 2, ckl 3 Wilcox; cock 3 G. J. Anderson; hen 3, ckl 2, pen fowls 1 Van Alstyne; pullet 3 Haynes; pen cocks 1, 2 Etling.

Golden Wyandottes—Cock 1, hen 1, ckl 1, 2, 3, pullet 2, 3, pen 2 Lawver; cock 2, 3, hen 2, 3, pullet 1, pen 1 Sitterly.

White Wyandottes—Cock 1, pullet 3 Preisser; cock 2 Chamberlain; cock 3, hen 3, ckl 3, pullet 1, 3, pen fowls 1, pen cocks 1, 3 S. R. Davenport; hen 1 Carr; hen 2, ckl 2 Elmspring Farm; ckl 1 Gannon; pen fowls 2, 3 McEwen; pen cocks 2 G. J. Anderson.

Partridge Wyandottes—Cock 1, hen 1, ckl 1, 2, 3, pullet 1, pen fowls 1 Caughtey; pen 2, pullet 2, 3 McEwen.

Buff Wyandottes—Cock 1, hen 3, ckl 3, pullet 3, pen 2 Sitter; hen 1, ckl 2, pullet 1, 2, pen 1 Ingalls; hen 2, ckl 1 Bloomingdale.

Black Spanish—Cock 1, hen 1 Edgewood Farm; cock 1, pullet 1 Minshel.

Blue Andalusians—Cock 1 Mrs. A. J. Casey; hen 1, ckl 1 Hildebrand.

White Leghorns—Cock 1, hen 2, ckl 3, pullet 1 Bump; cock 2 Harris; cock 3 Hart; hen 1, 3, ckl 2, pullet 3, pen fowls 1, 2, 3, pen cocks 1 Orchard Ridge Farm; ckl 1 Kniffin; pullet 2 Humphrey; pen cocks 2 Van Alstyne; pen cocks 3 McLean.

Brown Leghorns—Cock 1, ckl 2, pullet 2 Lynd Bros.; hen 1, 2 Weatherhill; hen 3, pullet 1, pen 1 Scott; ckl 1, 3, pullet 3 Keeler.

Rose Comb White Leghorns—Cock 1, hen 1, 3, pullet 1, 2, pen fowls 1, pen cocks 1 Peters; cock 2, hen 2 Edgewood Farm.

Rose Comb Brown Leghorns—Cock 1, hen 1 Tabor.

Buff Leghorns—Cock 1, hen 1, ckl 2, 3, pullet 1, pen 1 Wilcox; hen 2, pullet 2, pen 2 Chichester; ckl 1 Etling.

Rose Comb Buff Leghorns—Ckl 1, pullet 1 Andrus.

Black Minorcas—Cock 1, ckl 1 Etling; cock 2, hen 3, ckl 2, pullet 1, pen 3 Vee-strepen; cock 3, hen 1, 2, ckl 3, pullet 2, 3, pen 2 Denton; pen 1 Daley.

Rose Comb Black Minorcas—Cock 1, 2, hen 1, 2, ckl 2, 3, pullet 1, 3, pen 2 Denton; ckl 1, pullet 3, pen 1 Hart.

Anconas—All to Hart.

Buff Laced Polish—All to Edgewood Farm.

Golden Spangled Hamburgs—All to Sitterly.

Gold Pencilled Hamburgs—Hen 1, pen 1 Keltner Bros.; ckl 1, pullet 1, pen 2 Sitterly.

Black Hamburg—All to J. C. Jordan.

Buff Orpingtons—Cock 1, 2, 3, hen 1, 2, 3, ckl 1, 2, 3, pullet 1, 2, 3, pen 1, 2 Frank W. Gaylor; pen 3 E. Anderson.

Black Orpingtons—Hen 1, ckl 1 Kniffin; hen 2, 3, ckl 2, 3, pullet 1, 2, 3 Mrs. C. E. Heusted.

White Orpingtons—Hen 1, 2, pullet 2,

Huyck & Richie; ckl 1, pullet 1 Haynes. Houdans—Cock 1, hen 1, ckl 1, 2, pullet 1. Ed. Houck; cock 2, hen 2, pen cocks 1. Mrs. C. McDonald; cock 3, ckl 3, pullet 2, 3, pen fowls 1 Bradley.

Pit Games—Cock 1, ckl 1 Hill; cock 2, 3 Capitol City Poultry House.

Indian Games—Cock 1, hen 1 F. H. Anderson; cock 2, hen 2, 3, ckl 1, 2, 3, pullet 1, 2, 3 Gaylor.

Sumatras—Ckl 1, pullet 1 Edgewood Farm.

Lakenvelders—Cock 1, 2, hen 1, 2, 3, ckl 1, 2, pullet 1, 2, 3 Ford Bros.

Stilian Buttercups—All to Dr. Reynolds.

Golden Sebright Bantams—All to L. S. Crandall & Co.

Buff Cochins—Cock 1, hen 2, ckl 1, pullet 1, pen cocks 1 Crandall; ckl 2, hen 3 Hoag; cock 3, hen 1, ckl 2, pullet 2 Frederick; ckl 3, pullet 3, pen fowls 2, pen cocks 1 Etling.

White Cochins—Hen 1 Frederick; hen 2 Capitol City Poultry House; ckl 1, pullet 1 Sayles.

Black Cochins—Cock 1, 3, hen 1, ckl 1, 2, pullet 2, 3, pen 1 Crandall; cock 2, hen 2, 3, pul 1 Ford Bros.

Light Brahma Bantams—All to Hoyt.

Pekin Ducks—Drake 1, duck 1 Edgewood Farm; drake 2, 3, duck 2, 3 McEwan.

Indian Runner Ducks—All to Edgewood Farm.

Rouen Ducks—All to Keeler.

Bronze Turkeys—All to Harris.

AWARDS AT PAINESVILLE, OHIO.

Anconas—William Williamson hen 1, 2, ckl 1, pullet 1, 2.

Blue Andalusians—W. T. Naylor cock 1, 2, hen 1, 2, 3, ckl 2, pullet 1; W. C. Huff ckl 1, pullet 2, 3.

Pit Games—N. D. Asper cock 1, pullet 1.

Golden Penciled Hamburgs—Provo Bros. cock 1, hen 1, ckl 1, pullet 1, 2, 3, pen 1.

Silver Spangled Hamburgs—Lloyd M. Hill cock 1, 2, hen 1, 2, 3, ckl 1, 2, 3, pullet 1, 2, 3, pen 1.

Houdans—Mrs. A. A. Goldsmith cock 1, hen 2, pullet 1.

Brown S. C. Leghorns—F. D. Buck ckl 1, pullet 3; Frank Schellang ckl 2, pullet 2, cock 1, hen 1; Dr. O. O. Hausch & Son ckl 3, pullet 1, hen 2, 3; W. H. Downs cock 2; Z. B. Lytle cock 3.

White S. C. Leghorns—H. M. Moseley cock 1, 2, hen 1, 2, 3, ckl 2, 3, pullet 2, 3, pen 1; F. D. Buck ckl 1, pullet 1.

White R. C. Leghorns—Dr. C. F. House hen 1, 2, pullet 1, 2.

Buff Leghorns—C. W. Hadden cock 2, hen 1, ckl 2; Lloyd M. Hill pullet 1, 2, 3.

S. C. Black Minorcas—John R. Swindel cock 3, hen 1, 2, 3, pullet 1, 2, 3; Shann & Rust ckl 1, 2, pen 1; C. D. Ackroyd ckl 3.

Buff Orpingtons—A. A. Lee cock 1, pullet 2, pen 1; C. F. Blackman & Son hen 2, 3, ckl 1; Thomas Hurst pullet 1, 3.

Barred Plymouth Rocks—William Freshly cock 1, hen 2, ckl 2, pullet 1, 3, pen 1; Burr P. Scribner cock 2, hen 1, 3; C. O. Warren ckl 3; F. D. Wilson pullet 2.

Buff Plymouth Rocks—C. A. Parker cock 3, hen 2; D. D. Whitaker hen 3, pullet 1, 3, pen 3; Mrs. A. A. Goldsmith ckl 3, pullet 2, pen 2.

White Plymouth Rocks—A. A. Lee cock 1, hen 1, 2; Bugbee Brothers & Crowther cock 2, hen 3, ckl 1, 2, pullet 1, 2, 3, pen 1, 2.

White Crested Black Polish—F. E. Parkhurst cock 1, hen 1, 2, 3, ckl 1, 2, pullet 1, 2, 3.

S. C. Rhode Island Reds—Dr. C. F. House cock 1, hen 1; A. H. Ayer hen 2, 3, ckl 2, pen 1; H. M. Moseley pullet 1, pen 2; G. B. McFarland pullet 2; Edgar M. Crowther pullet 3; C. W. Hadlock ckl 1, pen 3; M. C. DeLoof ckl 3.

R. C. Rhode Island Reds—F. D. Wilson ckl 1.

Golden Wyandottes—William S. Borden cock 3, ckl 2, pullet 1, 2.

Silver Wyandottes—E. C. Miller ckl 1.

White Wyandottes—Bugbee Brothers & Crowther cock 1, hen 2, 3, ckl 2, pen 2.

W. M. Masters hen 1, ckl 1, pullet 1, 2, 3, pen 1.

Buff Cochins—Albert E. Maddox, hen 1, ckl 3, pullet 2, pen 2; Frank E. Downer ckl 1, pullet 1, 3, pen 1; E. C. Miller ckl 2.

Black Cochins—Wm. S. Borden ckl 1, pullet 1.

White Cochins—H. M. Moseley hen 1, 2, 3, ckl 1, pullet 1, pen 1.

Golden Sebright Bantams—Lloyd M. Hill hen 1, 2, ckl 1.

Imperial Pekin Ducks—Dr. O. O. Hausch & Son drake 1, duck 1, old; duck 1, 2, drake 1, 2, young.

Chinese Brown Geese—Bessie Lejnar gander 1, goose 1.

Bronze Turkeys—Kinkwood Farm tom 1, hen 1, 3, old, pullet 1, young; Dr. O. O. Hausch & Son tom 2, hen 2, old, ckl 1, pullet 2, 3.

Guinea Hens—Dr. O. O. Hausch & Son cock 1, 2, hen 1, 2, ckl 1, 2, pullet 1, 2, pen 1.

Golden Pheasants—Dr. O. O. Hausch & Son cock 1, 2, hen 1, 2, ckl 1, 2, pullet 1, 2.

Ring Neck Pheasants—Dr. O. O. Hausch & Son cock 1, 2, hen 1, 2, ckl 1, 2, pullet 1, 2, pen 1.

Pea Fowls—Bessie Lejnar cock 1, hen 1.

SPECIALS.

Largest number of birds scoring 90 points or over, first premium awarded

H. M. Moseley, Painesville, Ohio, twenty-one birds. Second premium to Dr. O. O. Hausch & Son, Perry, Ohio, seventeen birds.

Largest number of birds of any one standard variety scoring 90 points or over, first premium awarded to Dr. O. O. Hausch & Son, Perry, Ohio, Single Comb Brown Leghorns, seventeen birds. Second premium to A. H. Ayer, Painesville, O., Rhode Island Reds, thirteen birds.

SOUTH DAKOTA POULTRY SHOW.

Secretary Scallin has just completed the list of premiums awarded at the State Poultry Show, and they are given as follows:

Barred Plymouth Rocks—H. L. Starr 4 cock, 5 pen; M. J. Gotthelf 3 hen; A. J. Keith 1, 2 cock, 2 hen, 3 pen; E. P. Sand 5 hen; J. F. Just 5 cock; E. T. Losey 4 pen; J. E. Redding 3 cock, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 ckl, 1, 4 hen, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 pullet, 1, 2 pen.

White Plymouth Rocks—Mattie Webster & Sons; 3 cock, 4 ckl, 5 hen, 4 pen; C. P. Rath 2 cock, 3 ckl, 1, 2, 3, 4 hen, 3, 5 pullet, 1, 5 pen; G. D. Williams 2 ckl, 1, 4 pullet, 3 pen; Mrs. M. C. Helfert 1 cock, 1 ckl, 2 pullet, 2 pen; A. W. Schmidt 5 ckl.

Buff Plymouth Rocks—Alex. Mitchell Pierson; 2 ckl, 1, 3, 4 hen, 3 pullet, 2 pen; J. L. Brown 3 ckl; J. C. Hoffman 1, 2 pullet; E. T. Losey 2 cock, 4, 5 ckl, 2 hen, 5 pullet, 3 pen.

White Wyandottes—H. L. Starr 2 pullet; Wm. Scallin, 1 cock, 1, 4 ckl, 2 hen, 3, 4, 5 pullet, 1, 4 pen; J. H. Adams 3 cock; Mrs. M. C. Helfert, 5 hen, 5 pen; L. C. Kemp 2 cock, 2, 3, 5 ckl, 1, 3, 4 hen, 1 pullet, 2, 3 pen.

Buff Wyandottes—W. G. Andrews 5 ckl; C. W. Albertson 5 pen; D. W. McCarthy 4 cock; J. F. Reinelt 1, 2, 3 cock, 1, 2, 3, 4 ckl, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 pullet; 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 hen, 1, 2, 3 pen.

Golden Wyandottes—C. P. McAndrew 1 cock; T. O. Schroder 4 hen; S. L. Chapin 3, 5 pullet, 4 pen; J. H. Adams 1, 2, 4 pullet, 4 cock, 3, 4 ckl, 2 pen.

Silver Wyandottes—C. P. McAndrew 3 ckl, 1 pullet, 5 pen; Fred W. Witte 2 ckl, 2 hen, 3 pen; F. D. True 1 ckl, 3, 4, 5 pullet, 2 pen; Mrs. E. C. James 5 pen; H. C. Middlebrook 4 cock, 1, 3 hen, 2 pullet; H. P. Larson 4 ckl.

Partridge Wyandottes—W. S. Snyder, 2 cock, 2, 4, 5 ckl, 1, 2, 3, 4 hen, 1, 3 pullet, 1 pen; C. S. Foote 5 pullet; John Batchelor 2, 3 pullet, 5 pen; J. F. Reinelt 1 cock, 4 pullet.

R. C. Rhode Island Reds—J. C. Tjaden 2, 3 hen, 4 ckl, 5 pullet, 4 pen; J. K. Van Camp 1, 2, 3, 4 pullet, 3 ckl, 2 pen.

S. C. Reds—M. J. Tymeson 3 pullet; J. B. Rector 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 ckl, 4, 5 pullet.

Black Orpingtons—All to Ernest Hathaway.

S. C. Buff Orpingtons—All to Charles McCaffee.

S. C. White Orpingtons—All to A. S. Moorehouse.

White Langshans—All to J. L. Brown. Black Langshans—E. M. Thomas 1 cock, 1, 3, 4 ckl, 2, 3, 4 hen, 2 pullet, 1 pen; E. C. Brooks 2 cock, 2, 5 ckl, 1 hen, 1, 3, 4, 5 pullet, 2, 3 pen.

Partridge Cochins—C. F. Krebs 4, 5 ckl; C. E. Kilburn 1, 2 cock, 1, 2 ckl, 1, 2, 3 hen, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 pullet, 1, 2 pen.

White Cochins—All to C. J. Jackson.

Buff Cochins—Earle West 2 ckl, 3, 4 hen, 1 pullet; Ed. Mohr 1, 2 hen; W. A. Barber 5 hen, 5 pul.

Silver Gray Dorkings—All to D. D. Davis.

S. C. White Leghorns—E. E. Dodge & Son 1, 3 cock, 1, 2, 3 ckl, 1, 2, 3, 5 hen, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 pullet, 1, 2, 3 pen; H. P. Larson 2 cock, 4, 5 ckl, 4 hen, 4 pen.

S. C. Brown Leghorns—F. H. Windsor, Jr. 3 cock, 1, 3, 5 ckl, 1, 3, 4, 5 hen, 4 pullet, 1 pen; H. P. Larson 1 cock, 3 ckl, 2 hen, 2, 3 pullet, 3 pen; Wm. Bartley 2 ckl, 1 pullet, 4 pen; Wm. Drabbs 3 ckl, 5 pullet, 2 pen.

S. C. Buff Leghorns—All to Paul Pitt.

R. C. Brown Leghorns—I. P. Asbjeld & Son 2 cock, 2 ckl, 2, 3 hen, 2 pen; J. L. Foxton 1 cock, 4, 5 hen.

R. C. White Leghorns—C. F. Krebs 1, 3, 5 ckl, 2 hen, 1, 3 pullet, 1 pen. H. P. Larson 2 ckl, 1, 2, 3 pullet.

S. C. Black Minorcas—All to C. E. Pruner.

Light Brahmas—Geo. W. Law 1, 2 cock, 1, 2, 3, 5 ckl, 1, 2 hen, 1, 2, 3 pullet, 1 pen; Raymond Blynn Mitchell 4 ckl, 3 hen; N. Gaetz 5 ckl, 4, 5 pullet.

S. S. Hamburg—All to H. P. Larson.

W. C. Black Polish—All to Larson.

Houdans—All to C. F. Krebs.

C. I. Games—All to A. F. Richlag.

G. Sebright Bantams—Ralph L. Parrott 3 cock, 2, 4 hen, 2 pullet; E. T. Losey 2 cock, 1, 3, 5 hen, 1 pullet, 1 pen.

R. C. Black Bantams—All to Losey.

Buff Cochins—Losey 2 cock, 1, 2 hen, 1 pullet; W. A. Barber 1 cock, 3 hen, 2 pullet.

Toulouse Geese—J. F. Just 1 ckl, 5 hen; Mrs. E. C. James 3 cock; Mrs. E. E. Davis Fedora 2 ckl, 1 hen, 1 pullet; Mrs. W. H. Butts 1 cock, 2, 3 hen; N. Gaetz 2 cock, 4 hen.

Blue Swedish Ducks—All to Geo. M. Dunmire.

M. B. Turkey—W. L. McCrary 1 cock, 2 pullet; W. H. Butts 2 cock, 1, 5 hen.

Fantail Pigeons—Harold Haynes 2, 3 pair; H. E. Larson 1 pair.

Homers—Carl Stair 1, 2, 3, 4 pair; Ernan Hathaway 5 pair.

Black Tumblers—Ernan Hathaway, 1 pair.

Silver Penciled Wyandottes—T. E. Losey, all premiums.

WYOMISSING, PA. AWARDS.

Light Brahmas—Nessinger & Hess 1 cock, 1 hen.

Dark Brahmas—James Epler 1 cock, 1, 2, 3, 4 hens; Herman Sowa 1, 2, 3 ckl, 1, 2, 3 pullets.

Buff Cochins—Lewis Hartranft 1 ckl, 2 pullet; Nessinger & Hess 1, pullet, 2 cockerel.

White Cochins—Nessinger & Hess, 1 pullet.

Barred Plymouth Rocks—John Regar, 1 cock, 4 hen; Raymond Musselman 2 cock, 4th cockerel; M. R. Shaner 3 cock, 2 hen, 2 ckl, 1 pullet, 1 pen; J. G. Werner 1 ckl, 1, 3 hen, 3 ckl, 4 pullet; W. W. Kulp 3 pullet; Charles Werner 2 pen.

White Plymouth Rocks—Hill & Levan 1 cock, 1, 2 hen, 1 ckl, 1, 2, 3, 4 pullets.

Buff Plymouth Rocks—George W. Hatt 1, 2, 3, 4 hens, 1, 2, 3, 4 ckl, 1, 2, 3, 4 pullet, 2 pen; Mrs. Bertha Kerlin 1 pen; S. J. Kurtz 3 pen.

Partridge Wyandottes—George W. Hatt 1 cock; Lewis Hartranft 2 cock; Benj. H. Kauffman 3 cock, 1, 2 hen; Frank Slichter 3 hen, 1 ckl, 4 pullet; Nessinger & Hess 2 ckl; Albert G. Miller 3 ckl, 3 pullet; A. O. Fisher 4 ckl, 1, 2 pullet.

Columbian Wyandottes—Jacob L. Albright 1 ckl, 1, 2 pullet.

White Wyandottes—George L. Wolfkill 1 cock, 2 hen; W. W. Kulp 2 cock, 1 hen, 1 ckl, 1 pullet; Kerlin & Son 3 cock, 2 ckl; Jacob Albright 3 ckl; Charles German 2 pen.

Buff Wyandottes—Ellis M. Worley 1 hen, 1 ckl, 1 pen.

Rhode Island Reds—Samuel Schonour 1 pen.

Silver-Laced Wyandottes—Levi Miller 1 cock.

Rose Comb Brown Leghorns—Harry Bendel 1 cock, 4 hen, 1 pullet, 4 ckl; W. W. Kulp 1, 2, 3 ckl, 1, 2, 3, 4 hen.

Single Comb Brown Leghorns—E. G. Wilkinson 2 cock, 3 ckl, 2 pullet; John Deysher 1 hen, 1, 2 ckl, 1 pen; Adam Young 1, 3 pullet; Fred N. Baer 4 ckl.

Rose Comb White Leghorns—Long & Johnson 1 ckl, 1 pullet.

Single Comb White Leghorns—W. W. Kulp 1 cock, 1 ckl; Long & Johnson 1 pullet, 3 ckl, 1 pen; Fred N. Baer 2 ckl.

Single Comb Black Leghorns—Samuel J. Kurtz 2 cock, 2 hen, 3 ckl, 1 pullet, 1 pen; John Deysher 1 hen, 1 ckl.

Buff Leghorns—David Trout 1 cock, 1 hen, 1, 2 pullet; Jacob Miller 1 ckl.

Single Comb Black Minorcas—James Epler 1 ckl; John Deysher 1 pen.

Blue Andalusians—James Epler 1, 2 hen.

Buff Orpingtons—Wesley Worley 1 pen.

Houdans—Howard Westley 1 cock, 1, 2 hen, 1 ckl, 1, 2 pullet; Lewis Hartranft 3 pullet.

Cornish Indian Games—Wellington Harding 1 cock, 1 pullet; Lewis Hartranft 1 hen; Homer Stork 2 hen.

Black Langshans—H. Clarence DeTurk 1 cock, 1 hen, 1 ckl, 1 pullet; Augustus Mosser 2, 3 pullet, 2, 3 cockerel.

White Cochins—Wm. Blankenhiller 1 cock, 1 hen.

White Pekin Ducks—George Shutter 1 drake, 1 duck.

PIGEONS.

Red Pied Pouters—Wayne Steffy 1, 4 cock, 2 hen; William Kline 2, 3 cock, 1 hen.

Strawberry Pied Pouters—Wayne Steffy 1 cock.

Blue Pied Pouters—George Shutter 1 cock, 1 hen.

Yellow Pied Pouters—William Kline 1 cock, 3, 4 hen; Wayne Steffy 1, 2 hen.

Black Pied Pouters—William Kline 1, 3 cock, 1, 2 hen; Wayne Steffy 2, 3 cock, 3, 4 hen.

White Pied Pouters—William Kline 1 cock.

Blue Pied Pigmy Pouters—George Hinkel 1 cock, 1, 2 hen.

Black Pigmy Pouters—Elmer Gries 1 cock, 1 hen; George Hinkel 2, 3 cock, 2, 3 hen.

White Pigmy Pouters—Elmer Gries 1 cock, 1 hen; George Hinkel 2 cock, 2 hen.

Silver Pigmy Pouters—George Hinkel 1 cock, 1, 2 hen.

Any Other Variety Pouters—George Shutter 1 cock; George Hinkel 1 hen; William Kline 2 cock; Wayne Steffy 2 hen.

Yellow Mottled Tumblers—Frank Bittler 1, 2 cock.

Clean Leg Tumblers, Any Other Self or Barred—(1905)—1 F. D. Wineski.

Clean Leg Tumblers, Any Color White-side—Cock 1 Robt. Joos; hen 1 C. J. Sanger.

Clean Leg Tumblers, Any Color White-side—(1905)—1 J. F. Doremus.

Clean Leg Tumblers, Black Beards—Cock 1 A. W. Hennessey.

Clean Leg Tumblers, Red or Yellow—Cock 1 W. Smith, 2, 3 W. S. Hennessey; hen 1, 2 W. S. Hennessey, 3 W. Smith.

Clean Leg Tumblers, White Self—(1905)—1 H. J. Young, 2 W. Smith, 3 G. W. Brown, 4 I. F. Wallin, 5 H. A. Jaeger.

Clean Leg Tumblers, Any Other Self or Barred—Cock 1 C. W. Johnson; hen 1 F. D. Wineski, 2 C. W. Johnson.

Clean Leg Tumblers, Any Other Self or Barred—(1905)—1 F. D. Wineski.

Clean Leg Tumblers, Any Color White-

side—Cock 1 Robt. Joos; hen 1 C. J. Sanger, (bred 1905) 1 J. F. Doremus.

Clean Leg Tumblers, Black Beards—Cock 1 W. S. Hennessey.

Clean Leg Tumblers, Red or Yellow—Cock 2, 3 W. S. Hennessey, 1 Wm. Smith; hen 2, 3 W. S. Hennessey, 1 W. Smith.

Clean Leg Tumblers, Black Baldheads—(1905)—1, 2 W. S. Hennessey, 3 W. Smith.

Clean Leg Tumblers, Black Baldheads—Cock 1, 2, 3, 4 K. J. Muir; hen 1, 2, 3 K. J. Muir, 4 D. W. Johnson.

Clean Leg Tumblers, Black Baldheads—(1905)—1 K. J. Muir, 2, 3 R. Whitney, 4 D. W. Johnson, 5 C. W. Johnson.

Clean Leg Tumblers, Red Baldheads—Cock 1, hen 1 J. A. Olson, (bred 1905) 1 C. Williamson.

Clean Leg Tumblers, Yellow, Baldhead—Cock 1 Robt. Joos; hen 1 A. J. Begy, 2 W. S. Hennessey.

Clean Leg Tumblers, Any Other Color Baldheads—Cock 1 J. A. Olson; hen 1 W. Smith, 2 A. J. Begy, (bred 1905) 1 A. J. Begy.

Clean Leg Tumblers, Any Other Variety—Cock 1 Wm. Smith, 2 H. J. Young, 3 A. J. Begy; hen 1 H. J. Young, (bred 1905) 1 K. J. Muir, 2 A. J. Begy, 3 Wm. Smith, 4 C. J. Sanger.

Muffed Tumblers, Black Saddles—Cock 1 W. S. Hennessey, 2 J. R. Stuart, 3 Siewere Bros.; hen 1, 4 G. J. Asman, 3 G. W. Harrison, 2 Siewert Bros.

Muffed Tumblers, Black Saddles—(1905)—1, 2 W. S. Hennessey, 3, 4 John R. Viviero, 5 J. R. Stuart.

Muffed Tumblers, Blue Saddles—Cock 1, 3 A. Symons, 2 J. R. Stuart, 4 A. J. Begy, 5 G. J. Asman; hen 1 A. Symons, 2 A. J. Begy, 3 K. J. Muir, 4 Stuart, 5 G. J. Asman, (bred 1905) 1 J. F. Doremus, 2 G. J. Asman, 3 A. Symons, 4 F. C. Koegler, 5 G. Aimers.

Muffed Tumblers

Trumpeters, English or German, Any Color—Cock 1 E. G. Colburn, 2, 3, 4, 5 Fiebrantz; hen 1 Colburn, 2, 3, 4, 5 Fiebrantz, (1905) 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Fiebrantz.
Austrian Strasser—Cock 1 Fernland Farm, 2 William Korb; hen 1 Korb, 2 Fernland Farm.
Crescents—Cock 1, 2, hen 1, 2, (1905) all to W. O. Bahr.
Frillbacks, White—Cock 1, hen 1 (1905) 1, 2 all to E. G. Pasewalls.
Frillbacks, Any Other Color—Hen 1 W. Markentine.
German Beards—Cock 1, 2, (1905) 1, 2, 3, 4 Max Peters.
Maltese Hen—Cock 1, 3 G. A. Noonan, 2, 5 Wm. Korb, 5 Fernland Farm; hen 1, 2, 3 Korb, 4 Noonan, 5 Fernland Farm, (1905) 1, 2, 3, 4 Noonan.
Moorehead Tumblers—Cock 1 C. Williamson, 2 W. Markentine; hen 1 C. Williamson.
Polish Lynx—Cock 1, Fernland Farm, 2 F. Howold; hen 1 Fernland Farm, 2 F. Howold, (1905) 1, 2 Howold.
Shields—Cock 1, hen 1 Wm. Korb.
Startlings—Hen 1 Wm. Korb, 2 J. Weimer; cock 1 Weimer, 2 Korb.
Any Other Variety Not Mentioned—Cock 1 W. Korg, 3 Herbert Wolff; hen 1 Korb, 2 Wolff, (1905) 1, 2 Max Peters.

DUCKS.

Ducks, Gray Call—All to Chas. McClave.
Ducks, Silver Gray Dorking—All to Albert Lott.
Colored Muscovy and White Crested Ducks—All to Chas. McClave.
Pekin Ducks—Cock 1, 3 J. Batchellor & Son, 2 Theo. Ambrosins; hen 1, 2 Batchellor & Son, 3 Ambrosins; ckl 1, 3, 4 Batchellor & Son, 2 Ambrosins; pullet 1, 2, 3 Batchellor & Son, 4 Ambrosins.
Ducks, Rouen—All to Chas. McClave.
Geese, Embden—Hen 1 Harry Wheeler.
Geese, Toulouse—Ckl 1, pullet 1 Mrs. Milton Thiel.

THE CHICAGO AWARDS.

Anconas—Pen 1 M. J. Anderson.
Bantams, Rose Comb—Hen 1, 2, ckl 1 John F. Denvir.
Andalusians, Blue—Hen 1, 2 J. D. Martin; ckl 1, pullet 1 Martin.
Bantams, B. B. Red Games—Cock 1 Fred G. Parfrey, 2 Don C. Doolittle; hen 1 R. R. Voris, 2 Doolittle, 3 Parfrey, 4 Louis Wolff, Jr.; ckl 1, 2 Voris, 3 Parfrey, 4 Doolittle, 5 Louis Wolff; pullet 1, 2 Voris, 3 Parfrey, 4 Doolittle, 5 Wolff, Jr.
Bantam, Birchen Game—Cock 1, St. Lawrence Bantam Yds; hen 1 Fred G. Parfrey; pullet 1 St. Lawrence Bantam Yds.
Bantams, Golden Duckwing Game—Ckl 1 St. Lawrence Bantam Yds.
Bantams, Brown Red Game—Ckl 1 St. Lawrence Bantam Yds, 2 Fred G. Parfrey; hen 1, pullet 1 St. Lawrence Bantam Yds.
Bantams, Black Rose Comb—Cock 1, hen 1 K. J. Muir.
Brahmas, Light—Cock 1 C. P. Nettleton, 2 Simon Lynch & Sons; hen 1 Nettleton, 2, 3 Lynch & Sons; ckl 1, 2, 3, 4 C. P. Nettleton, 5 Lynch & Sons; pullet 1, 2, 5 Nettleton, 3, 4 Lynch & Sons; pen 1 Lynch & Sons.
Bantams, B. Tail Japanese—Cock 2, 5; hen 1, 2, 3, ckl 1, 2, 3, pullet 1, 2, 3 Frank W. Radford & Co.
Bantams, Black Japanese—Ckl 1, pullet 1 Frank W. Radford & Co.
Bantams, Buff Japanese—Hen 1, ckl 1 F. W. Radford & Co.
Bantams, Silver Japanese—Cock 1, hen 1, F. W. Radford & Co.
Bantams, Black Breasted Japanese—Ckl 1, pullet 1 F. W. Radford & Co.
Bantams, White Japanese—Cock 1, hen 1, pullet 1 F. W. Radford & Co.
Bantams, White Game—Cock 1, ckl 1 John M. Pollock.
Bantams, Partridge Cochins—Hen 1, pullet 1, 2, 3 John D. Prideux.
Bantams, Silver Sebright—Cock 1, hen 1, ckl 1, pullet 1 Mrs. W. A. Shelhamer.
Bantams, Buff Cochins—Cock 1 N. A. Prager; hen 1 Prager, 2, 3, 4 Dehn & Kubicek; ckl 1 Prager, 2, 3, 4 Dehn & Kubicek; pullet 1, 3, 4, 5 Dehn & Kubicek, 2 Prager.
Bantams, Black Cochins—Cock 1, 2, hen 1, 2, 3; ckl 1, 2, 3, pullet 1, 2, 3, 4.
Bantams, Silver Duckwing—Pullet 1 Fred G. Parfrey.
Bantams, Red Pyle Game—Cock 1, hen 1, 2, ckl 1, pullet 1, 2 R. R. Voris.
Cochins, Buff—Cock 1, 2 F. A. Hefun, 3, 5 Lee Potts, 4 William Darkow; hen 1, 2, 4 Hefun, 2, 5 Hugh Wyatt; ckl 1, 2 C. W. Case, 3 Hefun, 4 Wyatt, 5 Potts; pullet 1 C. W. Case, 2 Hefun, 3 Potts, 4 Thomas Curry, 5 Henry J. Jenner; pen 1 Hefun, 2 Wyatt, 3 Potts, 4 Curry, 5 Jenner.
Cochins, Partridge—Cock 1 Mrs. Frank Jackson, 2, 4 W. J. Pirie, 3 A. J. Davis; hen 1, 2 Davis, 3 Jackson; ckl 1, 2 Pirie, 3 Jackson, 4, 5 Davis; pullet 2 Jackson, 3, 4, 5 Davis; pen 1, 3 Davis.
Cochins, White—Cock 1, hen 1, ckl 1, pullet 1 C. P. Nettleton.
Buckeyes—Cock 1, hen 1 Mrs. Frank Metcalf; ckl 1, pullet 1 R. P. Searle.
Games, B. B. Red—Ckl 1, pullet 1 H. D. Schreiter.
Games, Cornish Indians—Cock 1, 4 Wm. Sawyer, Jr., 2, 3, 5 Barnard Cummings; hen 1 J. P. Allyn, 2, 4 Wm. Sawyer, Jr., 3 C. S. Brent, 5 Barnard Cummings; ckl 1, 3 W. Sawyer, Jr., 2, 4, 5 Brent; pullet 1, 5 Cummings, 2 Brent, 3, 4 Sawyer, Jr.; pen 1 Sawyer, Jr., 2 Cummings.
Games, Pit—Cock 1, ckl 1 Henry M. Ayars.

Hamburgs, Black—Hen 1, ckl 1, pullet 1 Chas. McClave.
Hamburgs, Golden Penciled—Hen 1, ckl 1 D. Van Reenen.
Hamburgs, Silver Penciled—Hen 1, ckl 1 D. Van Reenen.
Hamburgs, Silver Spangled—Cock 1 J. E. Armstrong; hen 1 Armstrong, 2 D. Van Reenen, 3 West Elgin Poultry Yds; ckl 2 West Elgin Poultry Yds, 3 F. Knechenmeister; pullet 1 Armstrong, 2 D. Van Reenen, 3 Kuechenmeister.
Houdans—Cock 1, hen 1 Otto Claus; ckl 1 H. M. Sparboe; pullet 1 Claus.
Javas, Black—Hen 1 Walter N. Norton.
Langshans, Black—Cock 1 Horace Brown, 2, 5 Jesse T. Bateman, 4 W. H. Laabs; hens 1, 2 Margaret C. Daly, 1 Rees N. Watson, 3, 4 Bateman, 5 J. E. R. Clifton; ckl 1, 2, 3, 4 Bateman, 5 Clifton; pullet 1, 3, 4 Bateman, 1 Rees F. Matson, 2, 5 Margaret Daly; pen 1, 2 Bateman.
Buff Leghorns, Single Comb—Cock 1, 3, 4 Nate K. Cornwall, 5 Peter S. Hurt; hen 1, 2, 3 Cornwall, 4 Harry D. Dunbar, 5 H. A. Nelson; ckl 1, 2, 3, 4 Cornwall, 5 Hurt; pullet 1, 2, 3 Cornwall, 4 Harry D. Dunbar; pen 1 Cornwall, 2 L. T. Pendney.
Buff Leghorns, R. C.—Pen 1 W. C. Wolff.
Brown Leghorns, Rose Comb—Cock 1, Fred Alger, 2 C. B. Harold, 3 H. S. Lampson; hen 1 F. A. Lord, 2 Dr. F. M. Reed, 3 Alger, 4 Harvey Preston, 5 Lampson; ckl 2 Alger, 3, 4 Lord, 5 Lampson; pullet 1 Alger, 2 Reed, 3 Henry G. Kudel, 4 Preston, 5 Lampson.
Brown Leghorns, Single Comb—Cock 1 W. H. Wicbke, 2 Fred Mott; hen 1, 2, 3 Rev. J. Belsley, 4 Wicbke, 5 H. F. Becker; ckl 1, 4, 5 Belsley, 2, 3 Wicbke; pullet 1, 2, 3, 4 Belsley, 5 Wicbke; pen 2 Becker.
White Leghorns, Rose Comb—Cock 1, 2, 4 Rocky River Poultry Farm, 3 M. Reeves & Co.; hen 1, 2, 3 Rocky River Poul. Farm, 4 Reeves & Co.; ckl 1, 2, 3, 4 Rocky River Poul. Farm, 5 Mrs. S. E. Lane; pullet 1, 2, 3 Rocky River Poul. Farm, 4 Snow Flake Farm, 5 Geo. Griesmeyer; pen 1 Rocky River Poul. Farm.
White Leghorns, Single Comb—Cock 1, 2 Dr. R. C. Coats, 3 H. C. Hanser & Son, 4, 5 E. Yarranton; hen 1, 4 Coates, 2 E. A. Rush, 3 Harmon Bradshaw, 5 James H. McCoy; ckl 1, 3, 5 Bradshaw, 2 Coates, 4 Rush; pullet 1, 2 Bradshaw, 3 Coates, 4, 5 Rush; pen 1 Bradshaw, 2 Coates, 3 Rush.
Black Minorcas, Single Comb—Ckl 1 A. B. Kaye, 2 H. F. Crandall; pullet 1, 4 Edward Adams, 5 Crandall, 2, 3 Kaye.
Black Minorcas, Rose Comb—Cock 1 H. F. Crandall; hen 1, 2 Crandall, 3, 4 W. E. Canedy; ckl 1, 2, 3 Crandall, 4 A. A. Quatterberg, 5 Thos. Charlesworth; pen 1 Crandall.
White Minorcas, Single Comb—Cock 1, 2, hen 1, 2, 3, ckl 1, 2, 3, 4, pullet 1, 2, 3, 4 all to Harry C. Meiselbach.
Black Orpingtons, Rose Comb—Cock 1, hen 1, 2, ckl 1, pullet 1, 2, pen 1 all to J. M. Williams & Co.
Black Orpingtons, Single Comb—Cock 1 Joy Morton, Jr., 2 J. M. Williams & Co., 3 Fernland Farm, E. C. Wetter, 4 C. S. Byers; hen 1, 2 Williams & Co.; ckl 1 Byers, 2 Williams & Co.; pullet 1, 2, 5 Byers, 3, 4 Williams & Co.; pen 1 Byers.
Buff Orpingtons, Rose Comb—Cock 1, hen 1, 2, 3; ckl 1, 2, pullet 1, 2, 3, pen 1 all to J. M. Williams & Co.
Buff Orpingtons, Single Comb—Cock 3 Wm. G. Sutter, 4 C. S. Byers; hen 1, 2, 3 J. M. Williams, 4 J. R. Keath, 5 Herbert Hale; ckl 1, 2, 3, 4 Williams, 5 Wm. G. Sutter; pullet 1, 2, 4 Williams, 5 F. H. Houka, 3 J. R. Keath.
White Orpingtons, Single Comb—Cock 1 J. M. Williams & Co.; hen 1, 3 Williams & Co., 2 Byers; ckl 1 Byers, 2, 3 J. M. Williams & Co.; pullet 1, 3 Byers, 4, 5 Williams & Co.; pen 1 Byers.
White Orpingtons, Rose Comb—Cock 1, 2, hen 1, 2, 3, ckl 1, 2, pullet 1, 2, 3, pen 1 all to J. M. Williams & Co.
Spangled Orpingtons—Cock 1, hen 1, 2, ckl 1, pullet 1, 2 all to J. M. Williams.
White Crested Black Polish—Cock 1 F. W. Radford & Co.; hen 1 Radford & Co.; ckl 1, pullet 1, 2 I. D. Hummer.
Barred Plymouth Rocks—Cock 1 W. W. Bywater, 2 Dr. I. P. Bennett, 3 A. Le Duc, 4 R. E. Haeger, 5 E. D. Palmer & Son; hen 1 Le Duc, 2, 4 Haeger, 3 Palmer & Son; ckl 1, 4 Bennett, 3 Palmer & Son, 2 Truckenbrod Bros., 5 Haeger; pullet 1, 2 Bennett, 3, 5 Haeger, 4 Palmer & Son; pen 1, 5 Bennett, 2 Palmer & Son, 3 Le Duc, 4 Haeger.
Buff Plymouth Rocks—Cock 1 W. E. Russell, 2 S. Bergslien, 3, 5 S. D. Lapham, 4 A. Simon Lynch; hen 1, 4 F. C. Shepherd, 5 Bergslien, 3 Lapham, 2 Lynch; ckl 1, 2, 4, 5 Lapham, 3 Shepherd; pullet 1, 5 Lapham, 3 S. Lynch, 2, 4 Shepherd; pen 1 Lapham, 2 James J. Elliot, 3 Lynch, 4 W. E. Russell, 5 Bergslien.
White Plymouth Rocks—Cock 1 Star White Poultry Yds, 2 Chas. H. Ring, 3 D. W. Ingersoll; hen 1 Frank J. Hicks, 2, 4 Star White Poultry Yds, 3, 5 Chas. H. Ring; ckl 1, 2 Saas Bros, 3 Hicks, 4, 5 Ring; pullet 1, 4, 5 Ring, 2, 3 Saas Bros; pen 1 Ring.
Partridge Plymouth Rocks—Cock 1, hen 1, ckl 1, pullet 1 all to J. Frank Randall.
Rose Comb R. I. Reds—Cock 1 W. B. Richardson, 2 E. E. Beck, 3 A. C. Thoma; hens 1 Richardson, 2 Beck, 3, 4 P. H. Sprague; ckl 1 Frank C. Sibley, 2 Beck, 3, 4 Sprague; pullets 1, 2, 5 Sibley, 3 Sprague, 4 Beck; pen 1 Sibley, 2 Beck.
Single Comb R. I. Reds—Cock 1 W. L. Windom; hen 1, 2 Chas. Blake; ckl 1 Windom, 2 W. B. Richardson, 3 Chas.

Blake, 4 W. C. Bailey; pullet 1 F. M. Malone, 2 Windom, 3 Richardson.
Silkies—Ckl 1, pullet 1, 2, 3 F. W. Radford & Co.
W. F. Black Spanish—Hen 1, ckl 1, pullet 2 R. H. Wolff.
Bronze Turkeys—Cock 1, 3 Hislop; hen 1 Mrs. Chas. Jones, 2, 4 Hislop, 3 Donoho; ckl 1 Jones, 4 Hislop, 5 Donoho; pullet 1, 2, 4 Hislop, 3, 5 Donoho; pen 1 Hislop.
Buff Wyandottes—Cock 1 W. F. Lord, 2 Sturtevant, 3, 4, 5 Simon Beuth; hen 1, 2, 4 Lord, 3 Beuth, 5 Sturtevant; ckl 1, 2, 3 Lord, 4 Sturtevant, 5 Beuth; pullet 1, 2, 4 Lord, 3 Beuth, 5 Sturtevant; pen 1, 2, Lord, 3 Sturtevant, 4 Beuth.
Columbian Wyandottes—Cock 1 W. B. Richardson, 2 Clive H. Owen; hen 1 Richardson, 2, 3 Owen; ckl 1 Owen, 2 Richardson; pullet 1, 2 Owen, 3 Richardson; pen 1 Owen.
Golden Wyandottes—Cock 1, 3, 4 Davis, 2 Hislop; hen 2, 3, 4 Davis, 1 Hislop; ckl 1, 4 D. Trehame & Son, 2 Davis, 3 Du Page Poultry Yds, 4 John A. Flick, 5 R. H. Pennington & Son; pullet 1 Hislop, 2, 3, 5 Davis, 4 Du Page Poultry Yds; pen 1 Davis, 2 Flick.
Silver Laced Wyandottes—Cock 1, 5, 3 W. H. Millord, 2 W. H. Randall, 4 J. A. Flick; hen 1, 4 Millord, 2 E. & S. Tarbox, 3 Randall, 5 H. R. Lillibridge, Jr.; ckl 1, 3, 5 Millord, 2 Randall, 4 Chas. A. Paesch; pullet 1, 4, 5 Tarbox, 2, 3 Millord; pen 1 Millord, 2 Tarbox, 3 Randall.
Silver Penciled Wyandottes—Cock 1 E. M. Quay, 2 J. E. Armstrong, 3 W. B. Richardson; hen 1 Armstrong; ckl 1 Armstrong, 2 Quay.
Partridge Wyandottes—Cock 1, 5 Doolittle, 3 W. M. Green, 2 John B. Hadway, 4 Otto B. Cannon; hen 1, 2, 4 Doolittle, 3 Hadway, 5 W. M. Green; ckl 2, 3 Doolittle, 4 Richard Berger, 5 Wm. Erfurth; pullet 1, 4 Doolittle, 3 Berger, 2 Hadway; pen 1 Doolittle, 2 M. J. Haxton.
White Wyandottes—Cock 1 Geo. L. Marsh, 2 Clement & Fife, 3 Harry Edmunds, 4 W. A. Ferris, 5 "Emma B." Poultry Farm, 6 Theo. Ambrosins, 7 Chas. McClave, 8 Gala Poultry Plant; hen 1 Ferris, 2 Ambrosins, 3 McClave, 4 Alva F. Baker, 5 Samuel Spanheimer, 6, 7 Clement & Fife, 8 Mrs. H. W. Hand; ckl 1, 3 Ambrosins, 2 Wedge & Fowler, 4 Albert H. Enich, 5 Mrs. W. A. Shelhamer, 6 McClave, 7 Clement & Fife, 8 Davis; pullet 1 Wedge & Fowler, 2 Hand, 3 Ambrosins, 4 "Emma B." Poultry Farm, 5 Clement & Fife, 6 Ira C. Keller, 7 McClave, 8 Mrs. W. A. Shelhamer.

PIGEONS.

Archangels, Dark—Cock 1, 2 Dr. W. A. Gibson, 3 E. G. Colburn.
Archangels, Dark—Hen 1, 2 Dr. W. A. Gibson.
Archangels, Dark (1905)—1, 2 Dr. A. W. Gibson.
Archangels, Light—Cock 1 Dr. A. W. Gibson.
Archangels, Light—Hen 1 Dr. A. W. Gibson.
Any Color Barb Cocks—1, 2, 4, 5 C. Schaefer, 3 Herman Vanslow.
Barbs, Any Color Hen—2, 3, 4 C. Schaefer, 1 H. Vanslow, 5 Julius Weimer.
Barbs, Any Color-Bred—1, 2 C. Schaefer.
Carriers, Black, Cock—1, 2 O. W. Opsann, 2 C. J. White, 3 Peter Overgard, 4 W. H. Nelles, 5 L. Leslie.
Carriers, Black, Hen—1 G. S. Boller, 2 W. H. Nelles, 3 Geo. J. White, 4 Julius Weimer.
Carriers, Black, Bred—1, 5 O. W. Opsann, 2 W. H. Nelles, 3 Geo. J. White, 4 C. Schaefer.
Carriers, Dun—Cock 1 Geo. J. White, 2 Wm. Richter.
Carriers, Dun—Hen 1 Geo. J. White, 2 O. W. Opsann, 3 Peter Overgard, 4 Wm. Richter.
Carriers, Dun, Bred—(1905)—1, 3 O. W. Opsann, 2 G. J. White, 4, 5 Peter Overgard.
Carriers, Blue—Cock 1 G. J. White, 2 C. Schaefer, 3 J. Weimer.
Carriers, Blue—Hen 1 O. W. Opsann, 2 L. Leslie, 3 W. H. Nelles.
Carriers, Blue—(1905)—1 G. J. White, 2, 4 O. W. Opsann, 3 C. Schaefer.
Carriers, Any Other Color—Cock 1 C. Schaefer, 2 W. H. Nelles.
Carriers, Any Other Color—(1905)—1, 3, 4, 5 C. Schaefer, 2 L. Leslie.
Carriers, Black—(1905)—Cock 2, 4, 5 C. Schaefer, 1 O. W. Opsann, 3 G. J. White.
Carriers, Dun—(1904)—Cock 1 O. W. Opsann, 2 Peter Overgard.
Carriers, Dun—(1904)—Hen 1, 2, 3 C. Schaefer, 4 W. H. Nelles, 5 G. J. White.
Carriers, White—(1904)—Cock 1 G. J. White, 2 C. Schaefer, 3 L. Leslie.
Carriers, White—(1904)—Hen 1 C. Schaefer, 2 G. J. White.
Carriers, Blue—(1904)—Cock 1 G. J. White, 2, 4 W. H. Nelles, 3 O. W. Opsann, 5 L. Leslie.
Carriers, Blue—(1904)—Hen 1 W. H. Nelles.
Dragoons, Black—Cock 1 E. H. Cook, 2, 4 P. Overgard, 3 Wm. Richter, 5 J. Weimer.
Dragoons, Black—Hen 1 Wm. Richter, 2, 3 E. H. Cook, 4 Fred D. Ewell.
Dragoons, Black—(1905)—1 G. J. White, 2 Herman Vanslow, 3, 5 E. H. Cook, 4 P. Overgard.
Dragoons, Blue—Cock 1, 2, 3 Wm. Richter, 4, 5 E. H. Cook.
Dragoons, Blue—Hen 1 G. J. White, 2, 3 E. H. Cook.
Dragoons, Blue—(1905)—1 E. H. Cook.
Dragoons, Red—Cock 1 E. H. Cook.
Dragoons, Red—Hen 1 E. H. Cook.
Dragoons, Red—(1905)—1, 2 E. H. Cook.

Dragoons, Yellow—Cock 1 G. J. White, 2, 3 E. H. Cook, 4 Wm. Richter.
Dragoons, Yellow—Hen 1 G. J. White, 2 E. H. Cook.
Dragoons, Yellow—(1905)—1, 2, 3 E. H. Cook.
Dragoons, White—Cock 1 Wm. Richter, 2 E. H. Cook, 3 E. G. Colburn.
Dragoons, White—Hen 1, 2 E. H. Cook.
Dragoons, White—(1905)—1 E. H. Cook.
Dragoons, Any Other Color—Cock 1 G. J. White, 2 E. H. Cook.
Dragoons, Any Other Color—Hen 1 G. J. White, 2 Wm. Richter, 3, 4 E. H. Cook.
Dragoons, Any Other Color—(1905)—1, 2, 4, 5 E. H. Cook, 3 P. Overgard.
Fantails, White—Cock 1, 2, 3, 4 W. E. Schock, 5 Otto Luick.
Fantails, White—Hen 1, 3, 4, 5 W. E. Schock, 2 C. J. & J. C. McBride.
Fantails, White—(1905)—1, 3 W. E. Schock, 4 Otto Luick, 2 Jos. K. Barta, 5 Fred Pleis.
Fantails, Black—Cock 1, 2, 4, 5 W. E. Schock, 3 C. J. & J. C. McBride.
Fantails, Black—Hen 1, 2, 3, 4 W. E. Schock, 5 John Haman.
Fantails, Black—(1905)—1, 2, 3 W. E. Schock, 4, 5 C. J. & J. C. McBride.
Fantails, Blue—Cock 1, 2, 3, 4 Fred Pleis, 5 John Haman.
Fantails, Blue—Hen 1 F. Pleis, 2 John Haman.
Fantails, Blue—(1905)—1, 2, 3, 4 F. Pleis.
Fantails, Red or Yellow—Cock 1, 3, 5 Frank C. Freyermuth, 2, 4 John Haman.
Fantails, Red or Yellow—Hen 1, 3 John Haman, 2, 4, 5 Frank Freyermuth.
Fantails, Red or Yellow—(1905)—1, 2, 3, 4 Frank C. Freyermuth.
Fantails, Saddles—Cock 1, 2, 3 F. C. Freyermuth.
Fantails, Saddles—Hen 1 C. J. & J. C. McBride, 2, 3 F. C. Freyermuth, 4 F. McCorquodale.
Fantails, Any Other Variety—Cock 1 F. C. Freyermuth.
Fantails, Any Other Variety—Hen 1 F. C. Freyermuth.
Homers, Ex-Working Blues—Cock 1 W. J. Roe, 2, 4 E. H. Cook, 3 H. Vanselow.
Homers, Ex-Working Blues—Hen 1, 3, 4 E. H. Cook, 2 W. J. Roe, 5 S. W. Abbott.
Homers, Ex-Working Blues—(1905)—2, 3, 4 E. C. Cook, 1 Pledge Bros.
Homers, Ex-Working Blues or Black Check—Cock 1 Dr. M. Staehle, 2 E. H. Cook, 3, 4 S. W. Abbott, 5 W. J. Roe.
Homers, Ex-Working Blues or Black Check—Hen 1 Pledge Bros., 2 H. Vanselow, 3, 4 E. H. Cook, 5 Dr. M. Staehle.
Homers, Ex-Working Blues or Black Check—(1905)—1, 2 Pledge Bros., 3 E. H. Cook, 4 W. J. Roe.
Homers, Ex-Working Red or Red Check—Cock 1 W. J. Roe, 2, 4 E. H. Cook, 3 Edward Radford.
Homers, Ex-Working Red or Red Check—Hen 1 Pledge Bros., 2 Dr. M. Staehle, 3 E. H. Cook, 4 Edward Radford.
Homers, Ex-Working Red or Red Check—(1905)—1 E. H. Cook.
Homers, Ex-Working Silver or Silver Dun—Cock 1 Dr. M. Staehle, 2, 3 E. H. Cook, 4 E. G. Colburn, 5 Wm. James Roe.
Homers, Ex-Working Silver or Silver Dun—Hen 1, 3 E. H. Cook, 2 Pledge Bros.
Homers, Ex-Working Silver or Silver Dun—(1905)—1 Pledge Bros.
Homers, Ex-Working White—Cock 1, 2 John N. Duerr, 3 Henry Leader, 4 E. H. Cook, 5 Dr. M. Staehle.
Homers, Ex-Working White—Hen 1, 4 John N. Duerr, 2, 3 Henry Leader, 5 Dr. M. Staehle.
Homers, Ex-Working White—(1905)—1, 2 J. N. Duerr, 3 H. Leader, 4, 5 E. H. Cook.
Homers, Ex-Working Splashed—Cock 1 Pledge Bros.
Homers, Ex-Working Splashed—Hen 1 Pledge Bros.
Homers, Ex-Working, Any Other Color—Cock 1 Ed. Radford, 2 Pledge Bros.
Homers, Ex-Working, Any Other Color—Hen 1 Pledge Bros., 2 Ed. Radford.
Homers—1, 2, 3 W. J. Roe.
Jacobins, Black—(1905)—Red, Yellow, White, any other color, and any other color (1905) all to John A. Koenig.
Magpies, Black—Cock 1, 4, 5 Dr. W. A. Gibson, 2, 3 G. E. Rowland.
Magpies, Black—Hen 1, 3 Dr. W. A. Gibson, 2, 4 G. E. Rowland.
Magpies, Black—(1905)—1, 3 Dr. W. A. Gibson, 2, 4, 5 G. E. Rowland.
Magpies, Blue—Cock 1, 3 Dr. W. A. Gibson, 2 G. E. Rowland.
Magpies, Blue—Hen 1, 3 Dr. W. A. Gibson, 2 G. E. Rowland.
Magpies, Blue—(1905)—1, 2 Dr. W. A. Gibson, 3 G. E. Rowland.
Magpies, Red—Hen 1, 2 Dr. W. A. Gibson, 3 G. E. Rowland.
Magpies, Red—Cock 1, 2 Dr. W. A. Gibson, 3 G. E. Rowland.
Magpies, Red—(1905)—1, 2 Dr. W. A. Gibson, 3 G. E. Rowland.
Magpies, Yellow—Cock 1 Dr. W. A. Gibson, 2 G. E. Rowland.
Magpies, Yellow—Hen 2, 3 Dr. Gibson, 1 G. E. Rowland.
Magpies, Yellow—(1905)—1, 2, 4 Dr. Gibson, 3, 5 G. E. Rowland.
Magpies, Any Other Color—Cock 1 Dr. Gibson, 2 G. E. Rowland.
Magpies, Any Other Color—Hen 1 Dr. Gibson, 2, 3 G. E. Rowland.
Magpies, Any Other Color—(1905)—1, 2 Dr. W. A. Gibson, 3 G. E. Rowland.
Nuns, Any Color—Cock 1 Herman Vanselow.
Nuns, Any Color—Hen 1 H. Vanselow, 2, 3 C. Williamson.

White Nuns, Any Color—(1905)—1 H. Vanse-
low.
English Owls, Blue or Powdered Blue—
Hen 2 Julius Weimer.
English Owls, Silver or Powdered
Silver—Cock 1 Oscar Rehe.
English Owls, Silver or Powdered
Silver—Hen 1 Geo. J. White.
English Owls, Silver or Powdered
Silver—(1905)—1 Oscar Rehe.
Chinese Owls, Any Color—Cock 1, 2, 3
Oscar Rehe.
Chinese Owls, Any Color—Hen 1 H. A.
Irrig, 2 O. Rehe.
Chinese Owls, Any Color—(1905)—1, 2,
3 O. Rehe.
Chinese Owls, Blue or Silver—Cock 1
H. A. Irrig, 2 O. Rehe.
Chinese Owls, Blue or Silver—Hen 1, 2
O. Rehe.
Chinese Owls, Blue or Silver—(1905)—
1, 3, 4 O. Rehe, 2, 5 H. A. Irrig.
African Owls, Blue or Silver—Cock 2,
5 O. Rehe, 1, 3 H. Irrig.
African Owls, Blue or Silver—Hen 1, 2,
4 O. Rehe, 3, 5 H. Irrig.
African Owls, Blue or Silver—(1905)—
1, 2, 3, 4, 5 O. Rehe, 1 H. Irrig.
African Owls, Black—Cock 1, 2, hen 1,
2 (bred 1905) 1, 2, 3, 4 all to O. Rehe.
African Owls, Any Color—Cock 1, 3
O. Rehe, 2 H. A. Irrig, 4 E. G. Colburn.
African Owls, Any Color—Hen 1, 2 O.
Rehe.
African Owls, Any Color—(1905)—1, 2
H. A. Irrig.
Satinettes—Cock 1, hen 1 W. H. Wind.
Satinettes—(1905)—1 John A. Bauer, 2
W. H. Wind, 3 E. G. Colburn.
Bluettes—Cock 1 W. H. Wind.
English Pouters, Black, Adults—Cock
1, hen 1, Wagner Bros.
English Pouters, Black—(1905)—Cock
1 G. Geruhofer, 2 L. Kneider.
English Pouters, Black—(1905)—Hen 1
Wagner Bros.
English Pouters, Blue, Adults—Cock 1,
4 L. Kneider, 3 G. Geruhofer, 2 Wagner
Bros.
English Pouters, Blue, Adults—Hen 1
Wagner Bros., 2 L. Kneider.
English Pouters, Blue—(1905)—Cock 1,
3, 4 Wagner Bros., 2 L. Kneider.
English Pouters, Blue—(1905)—Hen 1
Wagner Bros.
English Pouters, Red, Adults—Cock 1,
2, 4 Wagner Bros., 3 G. Geruhofer.
English Pouters, Red, Adults—Hen 1,
4 Wagner Bros., 2 G. Geruhofer, 3 L.
Kneider.
English Pouters, Red—(1905)—Cock 1,
hen 1 Wagner Bros.
English Pouters, Yellow, Adults—Cock
2, 3, 4 Wagner Bros., 1 G. Geruhofer.
English Pouters, Yellow, Adults—Hen
3, 4 Wagner Bros., 1 L. Kneider, G. Geru-
hofer.
English Pouters, Yellow—(1905)—Cock
1 G. Geruhofer, hen 1, 2, 3, 4 Wagner
Bros.
English Pouters, White—Cock 1, 2, 3, 4,
hen 1 Wagner Bros.
English Pouters, White—(1905)—Cock
1, hen 1 Wagner Bros.
English Pouters, White, Any Color,
Adults—Cock 1, 2, 4 Wagner Bros., 3 L.
Kneider.
English Pouters, White, Any Color—
(1905)—Hen 1 Wagner Bros.
English Pouters, Spare Limb—Cock 1,
hen 1 Wagner Bros.
English Pouters, Spare Limb—(1905)—
1 Wagner Bros.
English Pouters, Heavy Booted—Cock
1, hen 1 L. Kneider.
English Pouters, Heavy Booted—(1905)—
1 Wagner Bros.
Pigmy Pouters, Black, Adults—Cock 1,
2 G. C. Ray, hen 1 D. H. Jenkins, 2, 3
G. C. Ray.
Pigmy Pouters, Blue, Adults—Cock 1
D. H. Jenkins, 2, 3 G. Geruhofer, 4 Otto
Luick, hen 1, 2 Jenkins, 3 Geruhofer.
Pigmy Pouters, Blue—(1905)—Cock 1,
2 D. H. Jenkins, 3 Fred Pleis, hen 1, 2, 3
D. H. Jenkins, 4 G. Geruhofer.
Pigmy Pouters, Red—(1905)—Hen 1 D.
H. Jenkins.
Pigmy Pouters, Yellow, Adults—Cock 1,
hen 1 D. H. Jenkins.
Pigmy Pouters, Yellow—(1905)—Cock 1
D. H. Jenkins, hen 2 Geo. D. Ray, 1
D. H. Jenkins.
Pigmy Pouters, Any Color, Adults—
Cock 1, 2 D. H. Jenkins, 3 Otto Luick,
hen 1, 2 Jenkins, 3 Fred Pleis, 4 Luick.
Pigmy Pouters, Any Color—(1905)—
Cock 1 D. H. Jenkins, 2, 3, 4, 5 Fred
Pleis, hen 1, 2 D. H. Jenkins, 3 Pleis, 4
G. Geruhofer.
Runts, Blue—Cock 1, 4 J. H. Dimling,
2 Fernland Farm, hen 1 Dimling, 2 F. A.
Noonan, 3 Fernland Farm.
Runts, Blue—(1905)—1, 3 J. H. Dim-
ling, 2 T. A. Noonan.
Runts, Silver—Cock 2, 3 J. H. Dimling,
1 T. A. Noonan, hen 1 J. H. Dimling.
Runts, Silver—(1905)—1, 4 J. H. Dim-
ling, 2, 3 T. A. Noonan.
Runts, Any Other Color—Cock 1, 2 J.
H. Dimling, hen 1 Dimling.
Runts, Any Other Color—(1905)—1, 2
J. H. Dimling.
Swallows, Black Barless—Cock 1, 2, 3,
4; hen 1, 2, 3, 4, (1905) 1, 2, 3, 4 all to
L. A. Jansen.
Swallows, Blue Barless—Cock 1, hen 1
L. A. Jansen.
Swallows, Red Barless—Cock 1, hen
1 L. A. Jansen.
Swallows, White Barred, Black or Blue
—Cock 1 L. A. Jansen.
Swallows, White, Barred Red or Yellow
—Cock 1 C. Williamson.
Swallows, Black, Barred Any Color—
Cock 1 L. A. Jansen.
Swallows, Black Spot or Snip—Cock 1,
hen 1 L. A. Jansen.
Swallows, Blue Spot or Snip—Cock 1
L. A. Jansen.

Swallows, Yellow Spot or Snip—(1905)
—Cock 1 L. A. Jansen.
Tiger Swallows, Any Color—Cock 1, 2,
3, 4, 5, hen 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 all to Wm.
Kulezk.
Swallows, Any Other Variety—Cock 1,
hen 1 L. A. Jansen.
Tumblers, Short Faced Almond—Cock
1, 2 H. A. Jaeger, 3 J. A. Bauer, hen 1
H. A. Jaeger.
Tumblers, Short Faced Almond—(1905)
—2 F. W. Gorse, 1 H. A. Jaeger.
Tumblers, Short Faced Bald or Beard—
Hen 1 H. A. Jaeger.
Tumblers, Short Faced, Any Other
Color—(1905)—F. W. Gorse.
Clean Leg Tumblers, Black Mottled
Rosewing—Cock 1 R. Whitney, 2 F. W.
Gorse, 3 W. S. Hennessey, 4 J. F. Dore-
mus, 5 A. Bisceglia, hen 1 J. F. Doremus,
2 K. J. Muir.
Clean Leg Tumblers, Black Mottled
Rosewing—(1905)—1 J. F. Doremus, 2, 3
W. S. Hennessey, 4 F. W. Gorse.
Clean Leg Tumblers, Red Mottled—
Cock 2 Chas. Sanger, 1 Robt. Joos; hen
1 Chas. Sanger, 2 Robt. Joos.
Clean Leg Tumblers, Red Mottled—
(1905)—1 Robt. Joos.
Clean Leg Tumblers, Yellow Mottled—
Cock 3 E. Hartman; hen 1 Wm. Smith,
2 A. J. Begy.
Clean Leg Tumblers, Red Rosewing—
Cock 1 W. S. Hennessey, 2 Robt. Joos;
hen 1 A. J. Begy.
Clean Leg Tumblers, Red Rosewing—
(1905)—1 W. S. Hennessey, 2 G. Aimers,
3 R. Whitney, 4 K. J. Muir, 5 A. Bis-
ceglia.
Clean Leg Tumblers, Yellow Rosewing
—Hen 1 A. C. Williamson.
Clean Leg Tumblers, Yellow Rosewing
—(1905)—1 Wm. B. Smith.
Clean Leg Tumblers, Black Self—Cock
1, 2 H. J. Young, 3 J. A. Olson, 4 Wm.
Smith, 5 Robt. Joos; hen 1 J. A. Olson, 2
Young, 3 Joos, 4 Geo. Aimers.
Clean Leg Tumblers, Black Self—(1905)
—1, 2 W. S. Hennessey, 3, 4 R. Whitney,
5 Anton Schmidt.
Clean Leg Tumblers, Red Self—Cock 1,
4 Robt. Joos, 3 H. A. Jaeger, 5 A. J.
Begy; hen 1 R. Whitney, 2 E. Hartman,
3 C. J. Sanger, 4 A. J. Begy, 5 Joos.
Clean Leg Tumblers, Red Self—(1905)—
1 R. Whitney, 2 W. S. Hennessey, 3, 4
R. Joos, 5 H. J. Young.
Clean Leg Tumblers, Yellow Self—Cock
1 H. J. Young, 4 E. Hartman, 5 H. A.
Jaeger; hen 1 H. A. Young, 2 E. Hart-
man, 3 L. F. Homma.
Clean Leg Tumblers, Yellow Self—
(1905)—1 W. R. Whitney, 4 A. J. Begy,
5 L. F. Homma.
Clean Leg Tumblers, White—Cock 1
H. J. Young, 2 I. F. Wallin, 3 E. N. John-
son, 4 H. A. Jaeger, 5 A. J. Begy; hen 1
A. Williamson, 2 I. F. Wallin, 3 H. J.
Young, 4 C. E. Erden, 5 H. A. Jaeger.
Clean Leg Tumblers, White Self—
(1905)—1 H. L. Young, 2 W. Smith, 3
G. W. Brown, 4 I. F. Wallin, 5 H. A.
Jaeger.
Clean Leg Tumblers, Any Other Self or
Barred—Cock 1 C. W. Johnson; hen 1
F. D. Wineski, 2 C. W. Johnson.

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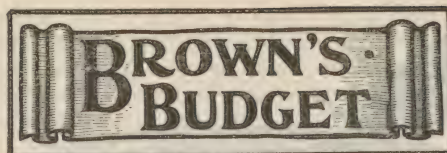
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Alfalfa for feeding in winter is des-
tined to become quite an indispens-
able factor in the poultry yard. The
poultryman who will establish a field
of growing alfalfa for his poultry to
have access to for green pasture will
be astonished and pleased with the re-
sult. There is not as much importance
attached to having suitable green pas-
ture for fowls and growing chicks as
there should be.

Damp floors are a source of prolific
trouble with both fowls and chicks.
Often the floors do not have the ap-
pearance of being damp, consequently
troubles are laid to other sources.
Damp floors do not affect the fowls
as much as the chicks which roost or
hover on them. All poultry house
floors should be arranged to avoid pos-
sible dampness from any source or
cause.

The prices at which some noted
specimens of the poultry kingdom has
been sold this year indicate one or two
things quite assuredly. There are
either some cases of the danger line
of "hen fever" or else there are a good
many life insurance presidents dis-
guised as poultry fanciers. The price
of "settings" in some instances is as
much as is demanded for a good trio
of some of the popular pure breeds.
These facts show what value is placed
on winning specimens in such shows
as New York and Boston, where the
competition is a battle royal among
each season's poultry production.

Photographic illustrations of fowls
are educational but they should not be
"touched up" to idealize the breed they
represent. The so-called ideal pictures
mislead the novice and too often por-
tray a specimen that nature could not
create. When we see Barred Ply-
mouth Rocks of both sexes pictured
with geometrical rings of plumage
markings from head to tail, and label-
ed as specimens of "John Liebig's"
stock which were winners at "Nosuch-
town Fair," it's too much. Bill Green
writes to a well-known legitimate Rock
breeder that he can buy eggs from Lie-
big's Convict Striped Rocks for "a dol-
lar a sittin'." "Why should I pay you
more when your birds hain't got them
ring streaks on as good." Liebig
makes a double sale then—sells the
eggs and Bill Green.

All work in the poultry yard should
have a double value. It should be for
the present occasion and the future.
The half-way doing things serves some
purpose for the present but is creat-
ing trouble for the future. Thorough
proper work is a degree beyond pres-
ent requirements. Neglects are al-
ways penalties that have sooner or
later to be accounted for. The poultry
business is no exception, unless that
the fact is that the neglects will cause
more serious trouble than almost any
other business.

Remember that warm spring sun-
shine gives birth to lots of vermin.
Filth is a good source for starting pro-
pogation of poultry yards troubles. To
head off all chances of these pestifer-
ous invasions, commence spring house
cleaning on the poultry premises early.
Don't allow any loophole for escape.

Crack, crevice corners, everywhere
should be powdered.

Avoid the mistakes of last season.
Make it more of a point to study con-
ditions and methods of feeding. De-
pend on your own knowledge of exist-
ing affairs. The best help on earth
among poultry is yourself. Of course
you may have an allright man who will
obey your instructions like a soldier,
and you may think that is O. K. But
it is not. The man is yet to be dis-
covered who can or who will, or who
does enter into poultry keeping with
the same ideas his "boss" has. Of
course when there are owners who do
not know and hire well-known poultry
experts as managers, then these man-
agers must take on themselves this re-
sponsibility, just as many of them are
to-day so, successfully doing.

It is absurd to talk about "fancy
fowls" saying their usefulness is con-
fined to the show room. Such talk is
evidence of dense ignorance. It is the
pure bred fowls that have developed
the wonderful increase in utility of
poultry. Increased egg production
per hen per year, heavier carcasses for
a given age of chicks, early maturity,
early egg-laying, the demand for poul-
try produces as pure wholesome food,
all these things have resulted from the
so-called fanciers' enterprise. The
farmers who decry pure breeds have
been left, as it were, by the wayside,
and in consequence the "fanciers" are
getting the major share of the millions
annually spent for first-class poultry
products on the commercial side, too.

There are so many "only way" to
raise chicks that the beginner is puz-
zled to select the "easiest," for he can-
not decide which is the best. Between
the "dry" method which is one of the
"onlys" and the mixed food "only"
there is a middle ground of common
sense. Good judgment is required no
matter how "good" the food may be.
It is the feeding of the young chicks
at the start that counts—the starting
them down the chicken road for life.
Common sense takes into considera-
tion the conditions of wild fowls in
nature. No sloppy food start of the
young, no great crowding conditions,
no scrambling over each other in lim-
ited space for food, no heaps of sur-
plus food left over, etc. Access to
clean, sharp sand grit is essential from
the start, and almost any sweet food
soft, but not sloppy, can be started
with, and in three or four days the diet
can be greatly varied, provided every-
thing is small, not in large pieces.

If Bill Resmith can succeed in poul-
try raising, why not you? If Miss
Squintley makes a marked success in
the business, why should not your
daughter, who has time hanging heavy
on her existence on the farm, where
there is every natural resource await-
ing for someone to take advantage of,
do likewise? Go then and do likewise.
If Mr. Workington, who has broken
down his health in confining city work,
can go to the country and build up his
health and a paying poultry business,
why don't you shake off that "Sarsa-
prilla" feeling and do likewise? There
are lots of people who are using an un-
due amount of effort to make a living
by doubtful methods. Methods that re-
quire no manual exertion that could be-
come successful in the poultry busi-
ness with half the amount of study
and effort—provided, of course, they
kill the germ of laziness that lurks in
their systems.



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We regret to learn that it was impossible to effect a consolidation of the two poultry associations in Fulton County, N. Y. "In union there is strength," is an old and true saying. A divided house is never of any material benefit to either faction. As will be seen in another column of this issue the old Adirondack Club has elected its officers for the ensuing year, and is making preparations for a show to be held in the city of Johnstown, next December. Having been identified with this club since its inception many years ago, and been through all the famous Johnstown shows of the past, the writer of these notes naturally feels more than a passing interest in the old society and the show that is to come. The selection of Horatio Seymour Wemple as president is a most excellent one. Being a fancier himself and a gentleman of sound business judgment, his guiding hand will be very much in evidence in administering the affairs of the Club. The bunch of vice-presidents are pretty well known and will cut a few cakes of ice when the time comes. The Secretary and Treasurer, Barnaby Warhorse Mosher is a very old bird at the business and is the right man in the right place. The Executive Committee is composed of real chicken fanciers who have been there before. The selection of Frank B. Sutliff, as Superintendent, and Leonard Putnam, as his assistant, is to be very highly commended.

The late lamented John Glasgow frequently remarked: "Johnstown is the fancier's show of America." Its success was due to the fact that the management was composed of practical and genuine fanciers that treated all exhibitors alike, and entertained visiting fanciers in a way that the historic old city of Johnstown is noted for. Judges were selected by the Club, not by outside interference. The classes assigned to each Judge were published in the premium list. Premiums were paid before the show closed and all specials were delivered to the winners just as promptly. Judging was completed the first day and awards published the next. All this helped to make the Johnstown Show famous. The citizens did the rest and every fancier that ever attended a Johnstown banquet will testify to the fact that "he had the time of his life," to use a familiar phrase. Good fellowship reigned supreme, and without that a fancier's show is a frost. Look out for the next Johnstown Show!

Doctor Sitterly, President of the Schenectady Show was a welcome caller at The American Fancier's office one day last week. "Doc." has the Sebright Bantam fever as bad as ever, and it started some fifteen years ago. He was highly pleased to read the articles on Sebrights from the Feathered World.

This reminds us of several letters received from fanciers complimenting The American Fancier on the publication of articles taken from English papers. It is a well known fact that England is a country of fanciers and has among the fraternity a large number of able writers on poultry, pigeons and pet stock. It is our purpose to reprint such articles from time to time, giving the names of the writers and the credit to the journals from which we clip the articles.

The Long Island Poultry Association was formed March 14th, at Mineola, Long Island, N. Y. Mr. P. H. Scudder was elected president, and Mr. Robert Seaman, secretary-treasurer. The object is to better the poultry interest, both utility and fancy, on the Island. About forty members were in attendance and a large number of poultrymen who were unable to be present sent cards and joined the Association. This is a move in the right direction, as Long Island, like New Jersey, is destined to be a veritable feathered kingdom. The soil and climate seem to be particularly adapted for chicken and duck culture.

Wanted: The address of Mr. John Brett, formerly of Fisher's Island, N.Y. Our old friend John will hear something to his advantage when located.

There are a bunch of White Wyandottes numbering two hundred, at Egg Harbor City, New Jersey, that have averaged over 200 eggs per capita in 365 days. By using the trap nest system this selection of great layers was accomplished. The writer of these notes expects to visit the poultry farm in question, where these white egg machines are located, shortly, and describe the methods used there.

J. Frank Hiller, poultryman, at the Columbia Stock Farm, Red Bank, N. J., arrived from Fort Plain, N. Y., on Monday, March 19th, with a carload of chickens, mostly White Leghorns, and particularly youngsters not over three weeks of age. He started in a blizzard and arrived during one, was on the road two days and managed to land over one thousand chickens in good shape. They were kept in Prairie State Colony brooders during transit, Mr. Hiller being in the car at all times. This demonstrated one fact that when properly housed or packed in brooders or specially arranged boxes, young chickens can be shipped great distances by freight, even in the winter time, provided a caretaker is with them. The loss on this trip was very slight and caused by trampling and crowding only, due to the fact that many more chickens were placed in the brooders than the capacity of the latter permitted. This was unavoidable in a case of this kind.

We are pleased to extend the glad hand to the railroad officials who saw that this car was shoved through with its live freight, in rush time. They felt as much interest in the success of the trip as did Mr. Hiller. If we could induce our express companies to take an equal interest and pride in such shipments, it would result in much good to all concerned. It is positively hazardous to send birds by express in cold weather. Too many fine birds have been smothered because they were placed in an overheated car. The express rates are high enough to permit the employment of men that can look after valuable shipments of birds in a manner that will reflect credit on themselves and the companies they represent.

We are bringing this matter up for the reason that a new branch of the poultry industry is being rapidly pushed, viz: The selling of live chicks a few days old to buyers who have no facilities for hatching same. In France

this has become to be quite a big business. But transportation facilities in the frog-eaters country are said to be far better than in this country. The little chickens are shipped in specially prepared boxes and reach their destination in excellent condition. In a vast country like ours, with the many climates and sudden changes, shipping young chickens in winter and spring is not an easy proposition. But our express companies can make it comparatively safe to ship in this season if they provided proper handling of such perishable live stock.

The free seed distribution has been stopped by Congress. It has taken years to accomplish this, but better late than never. It has been a positive injury to the honest seedsmen of the United States of America to compete against what has been nothing more than a political graft. If the United States Government could stop printing envelopes at cut rates and allow the American printer to have a fair show for his alley, another good thing will have been accomplished.

J. H. Drevensedt

WORTH REMEMBERING.

That paper will lie still and allow nonsense as well as sense to be written upon it, and by anyone. Therefore you are at liberty to credit or discredit any of the following remarks, by the writer, as there will be some things said that you will readily believe, while there will probably be other sayings that you will not believe, until you have paid well for your tuition, and learned it from that venerable teacher, experience.

That live stock breeding cannot be made a success by men ignorant, in any branch, connected with the breed or variety they own, either in the proper care, proper surroundings, proper food, popular blood lines, and the good or bad qualities that are transmitted by the different blood lines.

That no man can make a success of any sort of live stock breeding that enters into the business purely for dollars and has no love and no interest in the breed he chose, beyond a financial interest.

That no man ever achieved the honor of improving a breed, in typical breed points, that carried on his live stock breeding as a side issue, and gave his thought and time to another business or to pleasure.

That there are no days of total rest in this business, but stock, old and young, must be given the same care on the Sabbath as on any day of the week, by someone, and the only proper one to do it is their regular attendant—be that the owner, his superintendent, or the regular man for this purpose.

That no sort of live stock, be it poultry, pigeons, pigs or pups, will thrive if they are not handled quietly and with kindness, and have confidence in their caretaker. If the poultry and pigeons "fly the coop" when your man enters their quarters, and the puppies rush to the far corner of their kennel yards, and droop their ears and tails, you had best discharge, at once, and on the spot, their handler and seek another.

That the person who is not in sympathy with the stock he is caring for does not understand their silent language, their expression, and their actions, is not the proper person to intrust their care to, and will do more damage than good among them.

That lacking the proper qualifications is the main reason why so many who have undertaken stock breeding have made a failure of it. Many who still own, and actually raise live stock, of a sort not as good as their original foundation stock, to say nothing of advancing, are failures, from an expert's standpoint, yet many of them do not appear to realize it.

That it is not always, in fact, seldom is, the case, that the gentleman who wears the most expensive and best fitted clothes, and the largest diamonds, and talks the loudest or uses the most select language, knows the most about live stock or live stock breeding. It is more generally the man, who, as a boy, lived among the stock, cared for them, studied them and their habits and disposition, and made friends of them. There are plenty of other things to remember which will appear later.

D. E. B. O'NAIR.

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Thrown by Sincere Admirers of The American Fancier.

George R. Schaubert, of the Clifton Hill Farm, at Ballston, Lake, N. Y.:

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C. W. Hoitt, Nassau, New Hampshire:

"I have just received the first number of The American Fancier under the new order of things. While I always liked the paper, it seems that you have polished it up a bit, even if it is but a sample of what you are going to do. Enclosed please find my dollar. Kindly let me in on the first round."

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Charles H. Brundage, Danbury, Conn.:

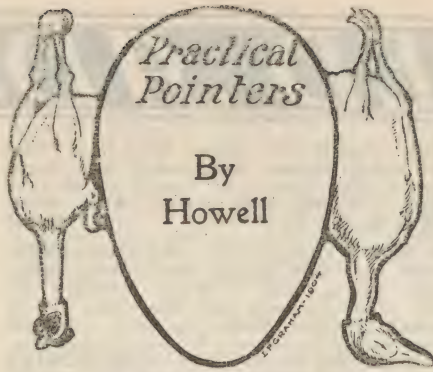
"I am pleased to see that the old eagle is still screaming, and still more pleased to see 'Drev.' back at the helm. He is the man for editor, and allow me to congratulate you one and all upon the four-in-hand you have to run the one weekly fancier's paper in America."

Fred W. Proctor, Spencer, Mass.:

"Was much pleased to take the wrapper off what proved to be a genuine old American Fancier, of the kind we always used, as the Castoria people say. Congratulations, and when the Pilsener articles come in again, I shall think old times back again, for sure. I have always liked the features of reprinting what was worth while from English sources."

Fred C. Lisk, Romulus, N. Y.:

"The American Fancier is a fine appearing sheet, and I wish you all success."



No poultryman in or out of America is more interested in the development of the winter egg supply, in the opening issue of the new American Fancier. I promised to give an account of my operations during the past fall and winter.

Locating here eleven months since, I had but the fog end of the season to work on, and could stock my houses only with such stock as was on the market, this became more difficult than in ordinary years owing to the exceedingly high market price which had ruled on eggs for the winter, making owners loth to part with stock which were paying a good profit on their keep.

All the feed has been bought except some wheat raised for the 1906 crop of chicks, and oats enough to form 25 per cent of the evening grain ration in the way of green food I have been exceptionally well prepared. Seventeen bushels of turnips were grown, and two tons of second crop clover and timothy hay was cured and is now coming out as green as lawn clippings, after steaming, it being fine and having an abundance, have not taken the trouble to cut it into short lengths; the fowl pick out what they want and the scratching material absorbs what they discard.

Some lots of layers moulted rather early, and I was tempted on many occasions to consult the butcher, but later developments caused me to congratulate myself that I did not.

Once, through moulting, they commenced laying, and continued throughout the fall and winter, being now in the very best of condition, I am moving them to market at top prices and replacing them with the hatch of 1905, which I hope will be equally prolific the coming winter.

Having in mind the snow, so prone to drift in the open shed, I rearranged my shed room last fall and covered most of the fronts with muslin.

The convenience in feeding and the early morning protection from the cold has more than paid me for the time and expense. We only had one snow storm to test them, but everything was snug and no time lost shoveling out the snow. As for the result in eggs, cannot say that I found them any benefit. A portion of one flock, having access to the farm yard, persisted in roosting under the shed attached to the cattle barn, and would stand around in the cold until feeding time, after which they would watch a chance to dodge into the cattle barn for the day. These far outlayed the balance of the flock comfortably housed at night and having their light, warm shed to scratch in during the day.

To my mind there is only one house to depend on for winter eggs, and that is the long, roomy house with a northern exposure and with gates running

from pen to pen. In such a house you are in among the fowls and note everything going on; the fowls themselves get accustomed to your presence and give better returns.

My feed for the past has been a hot morning mash of wheat middlings, meat scrap or green cut bone, wheat or corn bran, hominy, and in the coldest weather gluten has been added. When water was given, a basket of turnips cut in half was taken along; at noon unthreshed buckwheat or cracked corn was raked in the litter; at night corn, oats and wheat were fed and water vessels filled. The result has been a steady supply of eggs, and was able to ship regularly every week throughout the winter.

Prices have not ruled as high this winter as for either 1904 or 1905.

THE HEN.

(The Guilder.)

Alas! my child, where is the pen
That can do justice to the hen?
Like loyalty, she goes her way,
Laying foundations every day.
Though not for public buildings, yet
For custard, cake and omelet.
Or, if too old for such a use,
They have their fling at some abuse,
As when to censure plays unfit
Upon the stage they make a hit;
Or at elections seal the fate
Of an obnoxious candidate.
No wonder, child, we prize the hen;
Whose egg is mightier than the pen.

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Poultry operations may prove a success or failure in proportion to the amount of zeal and energy put forth.

NO CONSOLIDATION.

Local Poultry Clubs Fail to Agree.
Adirondacks Elect Officers.

Johnstown, N. Y., March 13.—At the annual meeting of the Adirondack Poultry and Pet Stock Club, held last evening, a delegation of the members of the Fulton County Association was present by invitation to consider the matter of consolidating the two organizations. After considering the various phases of the question, no satisfactory arrangement was reached.

The Adirondack Club then elected the following officers:

President, H. S. Wemple, Fultonville; Vice-Presidents, H. J. Quillhot, J. H. Drevenstedt, Johnstown; F. B. Zimmer, Gloversville; Wm. Holmes, Shelton, Conn.; D. A. Nichols, Shelton, Conn.; W. E. Richmond, Buffalo; R. L. Hutchings, Rutherford, N. J.; Jos. L. Shull, Johnstown; R. J. Ruliffson, Rochester; G. T. Williams, Buffalo; C. B. Knox, Johnstown; E. T. De Graff, Amsterdam; John C. Rice, Johnstown; A. F. Pierce, Winchester, N. H.; Martin Kennedy, Johnstown; Dr. A. H. Phelps, Glens Falls; Secretary and Treasurer, B. W. Mosher, Johnstown; Recording Secretary, Samuel Lair, Johnstown; Executive Committee, W. J. Weeper, Fonda; E. J. Lorentz, Aaron Putnam, Charles Eisenmann, B. C. Putnam, Johnstown; Superintendent, Frank B. Sutliff; Assistant Superintendent, Leonard Putnam, Johnstown.

The club will hold its show on a date yet to be decided between December 15th and January 15th. Several new members were added last evening.

Keep an account of your poultry business. A person who can't go to that much trouble is too indifferent to succeed in anything.

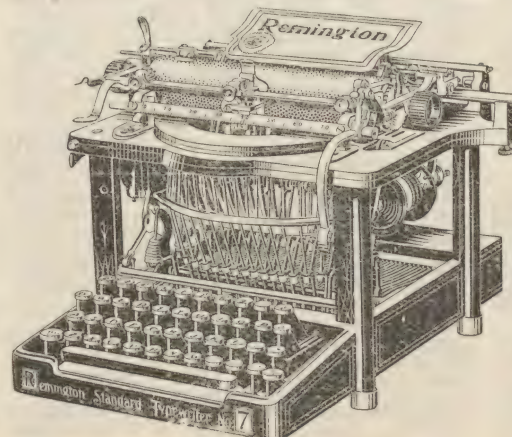
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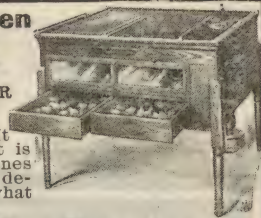
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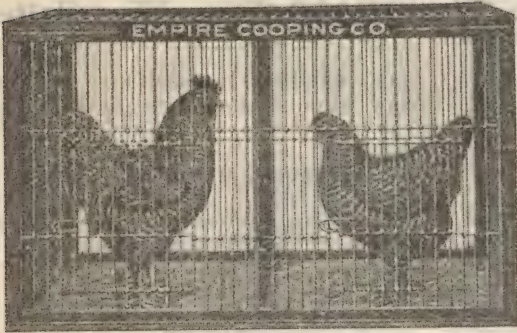
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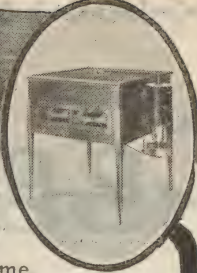
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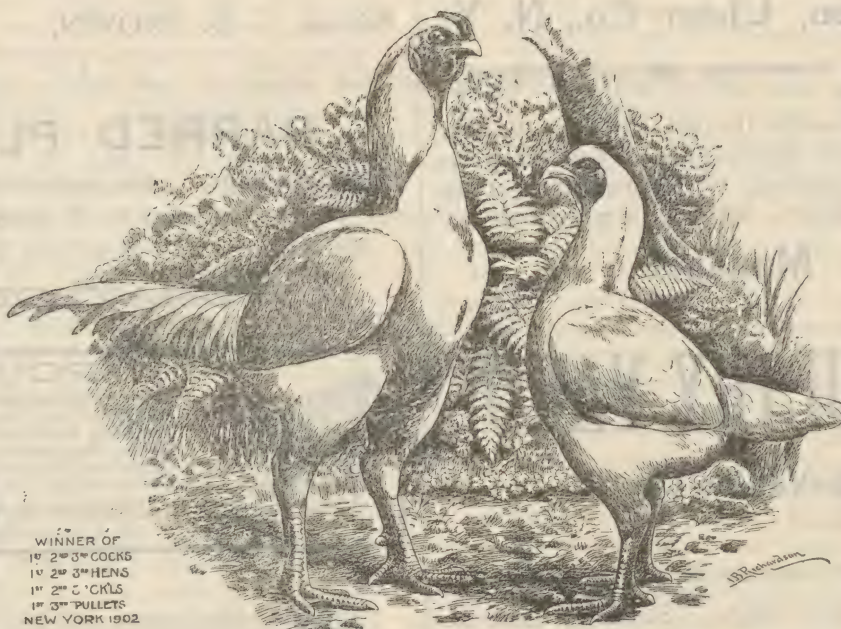
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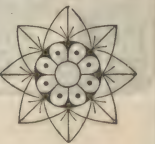
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THE SATINETTE

(By D. G. Watson in The Feathered World)



The Satinette in the illustration below, awarded the challenge trophy at the last Dairy Show, having been the third bred by its exhibitor which has won the trophy, the latter thereby became his property, the previous wins having been in 1901 and 1903.

The 1901 bird was the model of the illustration that appeared in The Feathered World in that year a few weeks before the show, and of the colored plate issued with No. 681. This bird was of the same color as that in the illustration, but plain-headed. The 1903 bird was a crested black-laced Satinette, the lacing being exceptionally good.

The Satinette is believed to be the oldest of the varieties forming what are known as "Oriental Frills," and when seen in perfection is not surpassed in beauty by any of the others. Although the term Satinette is now generally confined to birds that have a white or pinky shade on the wings with a laced edging to each feather, the primary flights being white, the Sulphurette and Brunette are of the same variety, differing only in the shade of color. The Bluetette and the Silverette, which are barred birds, are also a sub-variety of the Satinette, and when paired with laced birds breed true to markings.

Satinettes and Bluettes should not, however, be paired together more than is necessary, as the lacing of the Satinettes produced, particularly at the butts, will probably be of a washed-out blue tint, which is far from pleasing. The head, neck and body under-parts in all these birds should be pure white, the thighs should be of the same color, but they are generally more or less colored, and the legs should be grouse-muffed, the feathers being continued to the toe-nails. They may either be plain-headed or crested.

When first introduced to the British fancier, Satinettes were nearly all plain-headed, and of the blue-laced variety. The ground color on the shoulders was of a brown or a pinky-brown shade, graduating to a lighter tint, the edges of the feathers being of a dark purple-blue color, with an inner line of a neutral shade, forming a very pleasing tricolor. The tail-spots in many of the earlier specimens were nearly circular in form, and the tail of a dark blue color, the spots showing to perfection when the tail was spread, and never failing to extort the admiration of fanciers.

The blue Satinettes have, however, greatly improved in head properties and in color since their first introduction. The aim of the present-day fancier is to produce an almost colorless ground tint on the shoulders, and

in this he has been so successful that specimens tinted like the original Satinettes are now seldom seen in the show pen, as they have very little chance of obtaining a prize, however good they may be in other respects. The lacing at the tips of the feathers is generally more sharply defined than it was originally, and lacks the neutral tint on the inner edge, but if the shade is dark purple it sets off the birds as well as the lacing with the neutral tint on the inner edge.

In pursuit of this clear ground tint of the shoulders, the tail, however, has in some degrees suffered, and many of the most beautifully colored specimens are very gay in the tail, nearly half of the feathers being white, with a narrow edging of blue at the tip. Within the last three or four years, however, it has been the object of many fanciers, by judicious pairing, to endeavor to recover the original tail, and a good deal of success has been attained in this direction, but the "peacock's eye" in perfection seems a thing of the past, the spots having more the appearance of a parallel band when the tail is closed.

The latest of the Satinettes are the black and dun-laced specimens. The first the writer saw was one exhibited by Mr. Joseph Smith about fourteen years ago. It was a black-laced bird, and was awarded first prize in the young class at the Dairy, and second at the Palace. Many fanciers when they first saw the bird were disappointed with it, as it lacked the spot tail of the blue-laced Satinette, and I remember a good many considered that on account of its tail it should not have been in the prize list. Since then, however, great progress has been made in the culture of black and dun-laced birds, especially blacks, and they seem to bid fair to surpass in popularity the blue-laced birds.

For some years after Mr. Smith exhibited his bird no more specimens were seen, until in 1897 Mr. Machin exhibited a black-laced specimen which was awarded the Jubilee Cup at the Palace Show. It was a fair specimen, but not nearly so good as some which have since been produced. It was, however, generally admired, as by this time it was recognized that the tail should be of a silky white color, with laced edging. By a coincidence the writer bred a beautiful dun-laced hen in the same year, but as it had one white feather in its tail and had been bred from a blue-laced cock, he parted with it, as he feared he would lose the distinctive tail markings of the blue Satinette if he bred from it, not then entertaining any thought of breeding black-laced

birds. He, however, had the mortification of seeing the bird second prize at the Palace the following year.

After seeing Mr. Machin's black-laced Satinette at the Palace Show, the writer went in for breeding black as well as blue laces, and he thinks he has been fairly successful it may not be out of place here to state how they were produced.

With a view to improve the head properties of his blue-laced Satinettes, the writer in 1896 became possessed of a grand plain-headed cock. The shoulders of the bird were black like a Turbit, but it had a laced tail and feathered legs. This bird was paired with a good-headed blue-laced hen. The ground color of the hen was faulty, but it had been bred from prize birds and was good in all other points. They bred four birds; one, a cock, was very foul on the breast and it was got rid of. The other three were hens—two Sulphurettes and one the color of the father—and from one or other of these hens all the black laces the writer has bred can claim descent.

The black hen was the most successful breeder of the three. In 1897 she was paired to a plain-headed blue-laced cock. One of their youngsters—a blue-laced cock—was first at Altrincham, and first and medal at the Dairy Show, and another was the dun-laced hen to which reference has been made. In the following year she was paired to a brother of her mate of the previous year, and they produced four beautiful specimens—one blue-laced cock, one dun-laced hen, and two black laced cocks, one of the latter being crested and the other plain-headed.

At the Dairy Show the blue-laced cock carried off the first prize and medal. At the Palace the crested black-laced cock was awarded first and the Jubilee Cup, and the Dairy winner was second; and at Liverpool the plain-headed black was placed first, the Dairy winner second, and the Palace winner third, although in the writer's opinion the latter was the best bird, and the dun hen was awarded a card. The crested black is the bird mentioned by Mr. Machin in his paper on "Oriental Frills," read before the Birmingham Columbian Society in March, 1904.

From him the writer bred two black laces—one a cock, placed third at the Dairy Show, and the other, a hen, was first at the Palace in 1900, and was awarded the Esquilant Trophy by Mr. Allsop. From the dun hen the writer only bred two birds, both black-laced—one a cock, which he still has, bred the winner of the Challenge Trophy at the Dairy Show in 1903; and the other—a hen—won first at the Palace

(Old Class) and was the mother of the winner of the Esquilant Trophy. Last year the writer bred two birds from the 1903 Dairy winner—one a black, and the other a dun—which obtained second prize and third prize respectively at the last Palace Show.

Probably there is no fancier, with the exception of Mr. Machin, of Moseley, with whom the writer has had many a friendly interchange of views on the breeding of black-laced Satinettes, who can claim a greater measure of success in breeding birds of this color, as nearly all the best of those which have been exhibited have been bred either by Mr. Machin or the writer.

The writer would have liked to have said something on the breeding of Satinettes for the benefit of young fanciers, but these notes have already exceeded the limit intended. Any fancier taking up the breeding of Satinettes would do well to get a pair of good birds from an experienced fancier, who knows how they were bred, and can form a good idea what kind of birds they are likely to produce. To purchase a cock from one fancier and a hen from another and, without any knowledge of the previous history of the birds, pair them together in the expectation of producing good birds is almost sure to end in disappointment. Experienced fanciers are very careful about admitting strange birds to their lofts unless they have ascertained the pedigree of the birds, as very frequently they find when this is not done that the cross has perpetuated the faults they wished to correct. It will, however, generally be found that color follows the cock, and form the hen, and some of the most successful exhibitors in the young classes believe their success to be largely due to their having good-colored cocks, even although their head properties may only be third rate. With hens it is the other way about; the color of the feathering is not of so much moment if the bird is well formed and has a good head, provided the marking are regular. The hen, however, should be as free as possible from faults possessed by the cock, or they are likely to be perpetuated in the progeny, and as a good-colored tail is of great importance, adding to the beauty of the bird, birds with gay tails should not be paired together if this can be avoided.

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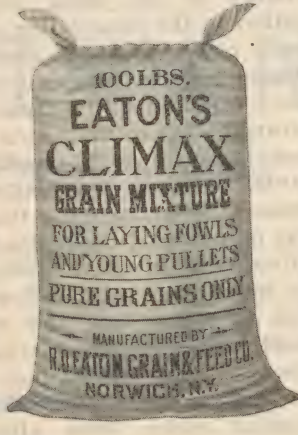
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Annual Meeting Held at Madison Square Garden, January 3d, 1906.

The thirteenth annual meeting of the National Bantam Association assembled in the press room of Madison Square Garden, at 7:30 on Wednesday evening, January 3d, 1906. Twenty-one members were present. Owing to illness at home, President Ruliffson could not attend the meeting, and Vice-President Courman presided.

The minutes of the twelfth annual meeting were read and accepted.

The Treasurer's report was read showing a balance on hand of \$63.65, and on motion it was accepted and placed on file.

Mr. C. T. Courman, chairman of the Glasgow Memorial Committee, reported that the contract had been made for the die for the medals, but the work had been delayed owing to the lack of funds. Dr. A. H. Phelps made a motion which was seconded, that a voluntary contribution be made at the meeting to raise the deficiency.

Mr. Jehl moved that the amount needed should be taken from the funds of the Association, as he said each member should stand his share of the cost. After a few words by the secretary, showing the condition of the treasury as it would be when all special money had been paid, the motion was carried and the members present responded to the amount of \$15.50.

Mr. Courman said he would go ahead with the word and have the medals for our next exhibition.

Mr. Young told of a visit to Treasurer A. A. Parker, and of his illness, of how Mr. Barker had turned over the Treasurer's book and balance of money in treasury as he could not look after the work of the office.

The Chair called for nominations for the office of president. On motion made by Mr. Jehl and seconded, the name of Mr. Clyde H. Proper was placed in nomination. On motion by Mr. Blunk and seconded, the name of W. J. Greenman was presented. Mr. Graham moved that the nominations

be closed which was seconded and carried.

Vice-President Courman appointed as tellers, Mrs. H. J. Quilhot and Richard Oke. Total number of votes cast were 14, of which Mr. Proper received 9, Mr. Greenman 5.

Moved by Mr. Blunk, seconded and carried that the election of Mr. Proper be made unanimous.

Mr. Oke was nominated for office of treasurer, and on motion he was unanimously elected.

On motion made by Mr. H. J. Quilhot seconded by Mr. Jehl, Mr. Young was elected Secretary.

Vice-President Cornman appointed as a nominating committee to select Vice-Presidents and Board of Directors, Dr. A. N. Phelps, Mr. Charles Jehl and Mr. B. W. Mosher.

The committee reported the following and on motion they were elected:

Vice-Presidents—Hon. C. W. Hoitt, N. H.; J. A. Havemeyer, Jr., Mahwah, N. J.; E. Latham, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Wm. McNeil, London, Canada; Chas. J. Cornman, Carlisle, Pa.; Dr. William Y. Fox, Taunton, Mass.; Chas. Jehl, Long Branch, N. J.; E. R. Collins, Brooklyn, N. Y.

Board of Directors—Miss Selma Winters, College Point, N. Y.; J. T. Kirkpatrick, Easton, Pa.; H. J. Quilpot; Dr. A. H. Phelps, Glens Falls, N. Y.; Wm. Barker, London, Canada; A. J. Ruliffson, Rochester, N. Y.; C. H. Proper, Schoharies, N. Y.; Richard Oke, London, Canada; George L. Young, Brooklyn, N. Y.

At this time the chair was turned over to the new president, and with a few fitting remarks in which he pledged himself to do all in his power for the Association, he entered on his duties as president.

Under new business, Mr. Oke spoke of the poor accommodations provided for the Bantams and said that as the Association had stood by the New York Show, he thought that the Bantam breeds should have better treatment. On motion made, seconded and carried, the following committee was appointed to wait upon Supt. Crawford: Mr. Richard Oke, Mr. A. O. Schilling and Mr. Geo. L. Young.

On motion made, seconded and carried the secretary was directed to write a letter to Treasurer Parker, extending the sympathy of the members.

Eighteen applications for membership were favorably acted upon and the following elected to membership:

Harold C. Congdon, Oak Lawn, R. I.; Jas. B. Fitch, Mt. Vernon, N. Y.; Jas. Glasgow, Mahwah, N. J.; Jos. P. Hill-dorfer, Alleghany City, Pa.; Benj. B. Jones, Lake Roland, Md.; W. W. Kennedy, Red Bank, N. J.; Harold N. Kutchback, Sherburne, N. Y.; John Melvin, Whitinsville, Mass.; J. W. Mitchell, Brooklyn, N. Y.; H. A. McAleen, Mt. Clair, N. J.; C. W. Price, Vailsburg, N. J.; Herbert B. Rowedder, H. M. Raab, Dallaston, N. Y.; W. Roesler, Great Neck, N. Y.; Marion Story, Portchester, N. Y.; J. W. Welsh, Douglastown, N. Y.; Stanley Frethaway, Wilkesbarre, Pa.

The following candidates were nominated to judge at the next New York Show: Mr. H. J. Quilpot, Mr. Richard Oke and Mr. Chas. M. Smith.

After a few words from the President asking the members to try and reach new members, the meeting was adjourned

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Buff Plymouth Rocks—Ckl 1 John D. Olivett, 2 E. E. Schreyer; pullet 1, 2 John D. Olivett.

White Wyandottes—Cock 1 Francis Drake; hen 1 Mrs. Charles Berry; ckl 1 Mrs. E. T. Peters, 2 James McQuaig; pullet 1 McQuaig, 2, 3 Francis Drake.

Silver Penciled Wyandottes—Ckl 1, 2, 3, pullet 1, 2, 3 Wilfred M. Anderson.

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Rose Comb Rhode Island Reds—Cock 1 Alex. Howe; hen 1 E. R. Van Wagner, 2 Alex. Howe, 3 E. R. Van Wagner; ckl 1 Frank R. Lovelace, 2 Mrs. Edith L. Masten, 3 E. R. Van Wagner; pullet 1 Van Wagner, 2, 3 Lovelace.

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Pearl Guinea Fowls—Cock 1, hen 2 W. M. Anderson; cock 2, hen 1, 3 Milo F. Barbour; ckl 1, pullet 1 R. Lovelace; ckl 2, pullet 2 W. M. Anderson.

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Red Dragoons—Cock 1, hen 1 Mrs. Edith L. Masten.

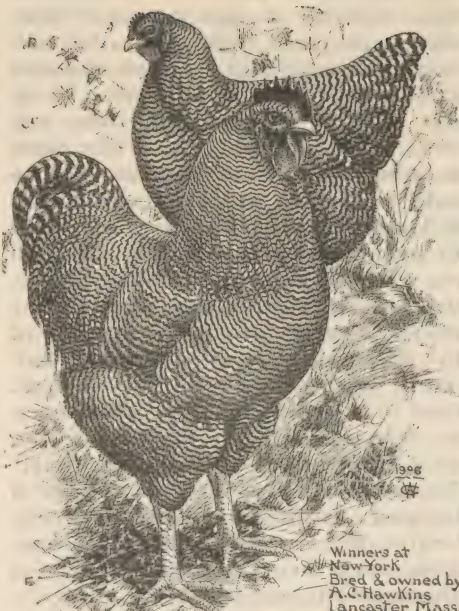
Dark Brown Archangels—Cock 1, 2, 3, hen 1, 2; White Fantails, cock 1, hen 1; Yellow Fantails, cock 1, hen 2; Red Fantails, cock 1, hen 2; Clean Legged Bald Headed Tumblers, cock 1; Black Magpies, cock 2, hen 1; White English Owls, cock 1, hen 1; High Flying Tipplers, cock 1, hen 1; Splashed Dragoons, cock 1; White Dragoons, hen 1; Black Homers, cock 1; White Homers, cock 3; Black Fantails, cock 2, hen 2 Willard Marten.

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Golden Wyandottes—Cock 1, 3 John Urkfriz, 2 Ira Sitterly; hen 1 Sitterly, 2 Urkfriz; ckl 1 Sitterly, 2 Urkfriz, 3 Judson E. M. Hiler; pullet 1 Sitterly, 2 Urkfriz.

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Black Wyandottes—Hen 1, ckl 1 F. W. Church.

Partridge Wyandottes—Cock 1, Herman C. Theim, 2 Eldred & Bigger, 3 Jas. G. Tracey; hen 1 Eldred & Bigger, 2 H. C. Theim; ckl 1, 3 Tracy, 2, 4 Eldred & Bigger; pullet 1 Tracy, 2 Theim, 3, 4 Eldred & Bigger; pen 1 Eldred & Bigger.

S. C. Rhode Island Reds—Cock 1, 2 Walker, 3 Chas. H. Kingsbury, 4 Upland Farm; hen 1, 2, 3, 4 Chas. H. Kingsbury; ckl 1, 2 Kingsbury, 2 Upland Farm, 3, 4 J. Stewart & M. Whitman, 5 Hugo Freese; pullet 1, 2, 3 Chas. H. Kingsbury, 4 Freese, 5 McElheney's Poultry Farm, 5 Upland Farms; pen 1 Hubbell, 2 Kingsbury, 3 Almstead, 4 Upland Farm.

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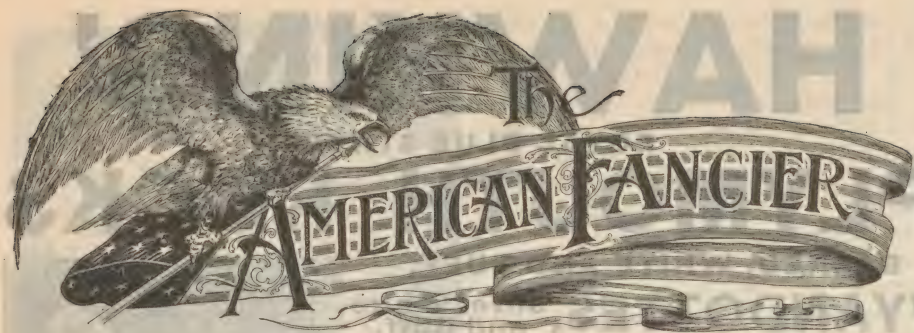
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What has become of the much heralded Rose Combed Blues? Quite a few columns appeared in our English contemporaries about the great merits of this variety, but they have dropped "into innocuous desuetude" as the Hon. Grover Cleveland would have expressed it. Dr. A. H. Phelps had some a few years ago and claimed they were great layers, the "best that ever."

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D. G. Wetmyer, Lititz, Pa., is now breeding seven varieties of Game Bantams and it is needless to say that they are among the best in the country. He had thirty-five of his birds at Hagerstown last October and landed a large bunch of blue ribbons. Mr. Witmyer sold three hundred and sixty-four dollars worth of bantams from his small ad in The American Fancier

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Through some oversight the advertisement of Chas. Bennington, of Edmeston, New York, was omitted. At Mr. Bennington's request it re-appears this week. We cannot afford to be without such good fanciers and breeders of Buff Orpingtons as Mr. Bennington is known to be. He is and has the goods to use one of Deacon Ivory Spark's remarks.

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L. P. Clark, Superintendent of Rosemary Farm, Huntington, L. I., whose White Indian Game Cockerel is illustrated in this issue has done much to make excellent fowl fanciers in his section. It is certainly a winner there and no mistake. Mr. Clark enquires whether there is a White Indian Club. We believe not, but think a combination could be made with the Cornish Game Club provided the latter can be located. It is certainly among the missing just at present. There was talk of trying to house the Indians at Madison Square, but seems only a few of the real enthusiasts are left and they can't scare up enough other members to make a go of a new club or get the old one in motion. H. M. Carpenter, Henry P. Kirby and Dr. Wolfe could start up quite an interest in both varieties, especially with Mr. Clark's assistance.

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We are glad to learn that Mr. T. C. Van Wyck, the Superintendent of Poultry at the Poughkeepsie Show, is out again after a long siege in the hospital, having been dangerously ill with pneumonia. He reports arrangements being made for next fair, but says if racing bill at Albany passes, it will be a sad blow to poultry exhibitors as well as to exhibitors in other departments. The amount Poughkeepsie receives from the State is about \$4,000. Cut that out and there will be little doing on the fall circuit as every other county is interested as much as Dutchess County is.

The Hon. W. G. Minich, of Carlisle, Pa., otherwise known as "Hamburg Bill," informs us that a poultry association has been organized in his section to be known as the Great Central Poultry and Pet Stock Club. About one hundred members, the best fanciers in the eastern part of the State being enrolled. The first show will be held December 2d to 6th, 1906. As Bill puts it, "Other shows are invited to keep off our water wagon. We will run a strictly up-to-date fanciers show, the best bird wins here and your money is ready for you the last day of the show, the town is yours, the bar-rooms close at ten o'clock and don't have to keep off the grass while here, so come and have a good old time in a good old town in a good old way." This sounds good and should draw a big entry. Carlisle is a very centrally located place and should be a better show town than Harrisburg as far as attendance is concerned.

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John Rumbold, Secretary of The American Light Brahma Club has his little hammer out for the Light Brahmas in the new Standard of Perfection, especially the hen. He writes: "She is right pretty to look at but don't answer the standard description of a female." There are others of the same opinion and we can never hope to get a sketch that will suit all breeders. Every one of the Standard illustrations can be criticised and some quite severely, no doubt. The writer of these notes had a good opportunity to note the many differing opinions existing among the fanciers regarding what constitutes a real correct type. The revision committee was not a harmonious body, neither was the publication committee. Hang a chicken on the wall and see how quick an argument will ensue.

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Frank Beagle Zimmer is at his old tricks again. Said he belonged to the Down and Out Club as far as Bantams were concerned. Keeping only a few Polish and Black Reds. Now he sends over a large slice of Uncle Sam's greenbacks and orders a whole menagerie of Golden Silver Sebrights, Black Reds and Red Pyles. His White Polish Bantam crop of last year is the finest he ever raised and the short statured fancier in Gloversville, N. Y., has always had the star boarders in the Polish line. We just hope to see him make a good big entry at Madison Square Garden and astonish a few of us. It is many years since Deborahair yards were represented at the big shows.

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Among our advertisers we find the A. D. Eaton Grain and Feed Company, Norwich, New York. We have known Mr. Eaton for a number of years and anything he goes into has got to be just right. That is why his feeds are right in every particular and the company is enjoying a great trade, especially in car load lots. Being a large concern they have facilities for handling all kinds of grain. It is a pleasure to recommend a mill of this kind.

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Mr. and Mrs. J. Y. Bicknell celebrated the golden anniversary of their marriage at Buffalo, N. Y., recently. About two hundred invited guests and friends were present. Mr. Bicknell is one of the oldest and best known poultry judges in the United States and has been before the public as a breeder and fancier nearly as long as

the Sage of Natick, I. K. Felch, and this over fifty years.

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Judge Rowland Story, the very famous Black Minorca breeder was a caller at The American Fancier office on several occasions and enjoys a chicken talk as much as ever. He is still in the United States Custom service, having recently been promoted to a most responsible position.

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D. Lincoln Orr, Orr's Mills, N. Y., has turned over all his Light Brahma Bantams to his nephew and will breed only White and Columbian Wyandottes in the future. He reports over four hundred White Wyandottes out and quite a batch of Columbians.

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April, May and June, except in very southerly portions of the country are the real sinicure pure months for the raising of chickens. It is the natural breeding season and with settled weather and good forage in field or woodland, the youngsters grow apace and require very little care compared with those that are necessarily housed much in the stormy days of March and February. It is a mistaken idea that the heavier breeds must be hatched very early in the year in order to get them ripe for the winter shows. We have known June hatched Cochins to show up better at late winter shows like Boston than some birds started in a cold country in March and even in February. We do not think there is much gained in hatching most asiatic varieties very early unless one wants them for an early fall show and the chances are they will not be what they like. Light Brahmas especially are slow to reach the show stage and personally we think it injures the breed or variety to show in an immature condition. Some of half-grown and gaunt looking Brahmas and Cochins we handle at fall fairs are not worth their entries fees.

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J. H. Drevensedt

Weight of Eggs Regulated by Law.

Hens in Iowa are hereafter expected to lay their eggs in uniform weight of two ounces each, for the Legislature has just passed a new Weights and Measures law which includes this important Iowa product. It provides that the standard weight of one dozen eggs shall be twenty-four ounces, and permits merchants to sell them by weight should they desire and the purchaser be willing to accept this method. No means of compromise is suggested in case twelve eggs overweigh the standard fixed. The new law gives standard weight to seventy articles, some of which never before had official weight in Iowa. These are beets, alfalfa, peanuts and canary seed.

LAY EGGS WITH HANDLES.

Jersey Man Evolves Race of Educated and Obliging Hens.

(N. Y. Tribune, March 12th).

Robert E. Foster, Jr., of Newton, Sussex County, has, it is reported here, succeeded in cultivating a race of chickens which produce eggs already fitted with handles for convenience in eating them. One exhibited to-day was taken from the nest of a White Leghorn hen. It is normal in size and general appearance, except that on the smaller end there is a continuance of the shell formation, measuring half an inch at its base, tapering for nearly two inches and ending in two points which resemble the tail of a fish.

The form of the excrescence is a curve, the smaller end resting near the middle of the shell of the egg and having a perfect resemblance to the handle of a teacup. The opposite side of the eggshell is flattened so that the structure will stand alone. The hens have laid seven eggs of similar conformation, each furnished with a well-defined handle.

Several weeks ago, while breaking an egg at the breakfast table, he conceived the idea than an eggshell with a handle, which would form its own cup, would not only save lots of dish-washing but would be at once a scientific and culinary triumph. Thereupon he caused the inside of the buildings where the hens are confined during the winter to be painted white. Food was taken to the hens in large, white vessels, each having one handle. Water was furnished in similar vessels of a smaller size.

Across the single window white teacups were suspended on strings. No other furnishings of any other shape was permitted to be around the buildings. The hens were nightly sung to sleep to the tune of drinking songs. Within ten days many of the eggs had slight excrescences on one end, and after two weeks the new eggs had definitely formed handles.

One notable incident apparently facilitated the experiment. Mr. Foster has a large white rooster which two weeks since escaped from his coop into a neighbor's yard. The neighbor's small son chased the rooster home and threw at him a broken white pitcher which had a large and conspicuous handle. The rooster was much frightened, and the hens witnessed the occurrence.

From that time there was a rapid development of handles on each successive laying of eggs, until the present almost perfect form was attained. The naturalist believed that fright and nervous shock accelerated the growth of the handles.

When the home market is supplied with the new and valuable acquisition Mr. Foster proposes to place some of the developed eggs under a hen. The result will be awaited with eager and scientific interest.

Hairy Chickens His Forte.

When the Secretary of Agriculture sent out his bulletin three years ago relating the result of the experiment in Southern California in raising featherless poultry, one of the first men in the country to take up the idea as a practically was Elias Blaisdell, a chicken farmer, who live about four miles north of Kankakee, Ill., and is accounted one of the most successful men in the business.

Blaisdell went into the scheme systematically, with a brood of five hundred, and at the end of eighteen months had produced and almost featherless breed, but on the body only. He could not reduce the size of the long pin-feathers of the wings, but stuck to the job for another year, increasing the strength of the heating food with each successive brood.

Now he has attained a most extraordinary result. He has sixty pullets which are not only without feathers on back or breast, but have sprouted a stiff, hairy coat, which makes them look like two-legged dogs with wings and beak. The hens act in the natural way and are cheerful, but the roosters in the flock are the most woebegone, shame-faced things that can be imagined. There is no fight in any one of them. They mope around the chicken yard all day as if ashamed of their partial nakedness and unnatural covering. Blaisdell says he will stop further experimentation, as it is too tedious to pluck out the hairs with tweezers, than to pluck the natural feather.

How to Judge Dogs.

The average man is greatly puzzled to find one dog awarded a first prize, and another, which to him appears to be quite as fine a specimen, awarded no prize at all. A man who knows the relative values of the different points in all breeds of dogs is a veritable walking encyclopedia.

Generally speaking, the best dog is one which comes nearest the standard of requirements for its own particular breed, about twenty-five per cent of the points being usually awarded for fine head proportions, an equal number for legs and feet, a similar number for body and color and the rest for symmetry.

In the Dalmatian, for instance, thirty points are given for color and markings, while head, eyes and ears have only fifteen; the bulldog, on the other hand, has forty-five for head and ears, while coat and color amount to but five points; the collie has twenty-five for coat, color being immaterial, and twenty-five for head and ears.

The St. Bernard has forty for head and ears, and five each for coat and color; the Pomeranian has but fifteen for head and ears, forty-five points going for coat, color and tail, with fifteen for appearance. It may be set down as governing in all breeds of dogs that whatever is the typical feature of that breed is the feature upon which stress is laid in the allotment of points.

IMPORTANT NOTICE!

Patrons should bear in mind that all accounts previous to March 1, 1906, are due to the Howard Publishing Co., No. 714 Twelfth Street, N. W., Washington, D. C. All accounts after that date are due to The American Fancier Printing and Publishing Co., Havemeyer Building, No. 26 Cortlandt Street, New York City.



Charles H. Brundage.

The above is a very good half-tone portrait of the energetic and hustling Secretary of the famous Danbury Show. Mr. Brundage makes his home at Danbury, in the State of Wooden Nutmegs, and is a past master as a breeder of Golden, White, Partridge and Columbian Wyandottes, and will from time to time write facts and fancies for The American Fancier.

Publishers' Announcement.

This issue of The American Fancier goes to press in a style quite unsatisfactory to those directly interested in its management. Editor Drevenstedt has been laid up with lumbago at his home in Red Bank, N. J., and is just able to get about some, so his good offices have been sadly missed. Then before it was too late to remedy the matter, it was found that our advertising matter was inundating the news columns, and, to top it all, after the first forms had been printed, a large news company contracted for two thousand copies to be placed on sale in New York City and the adjacent territory, so the forms had to be put to press again. This latter announcement will, of course, be good news to our friends, for it means that The American Fancier has taken hold in little old New York. So, with next week, we shall begin to run a twenty page paper, and as soon as a few more kinks are straightened out, readers, patrons and publishers will rejoice in a journal that will be put forth without an apology. Incidentally, it may be mentioned that another type-setting machine and a larger press have been ordered for the purpose of getting The American Fancier out so that it can be mailed early on Friday morning, thus enabling most of our readers getting their copy of the paper before church time on Sunday.

Robert T. Dennis

Secretary The American Fancier Co.

The statement that the poultry business is suited for invalids is often made. This is absurd, as it takes a man in good health to attend to his flock in all sorts of weather.

The demand for poultry and eggs is greater than the supply, and so long as this is the case the hard-working man or woman will reap the results while the indifferent fail.

Eggs of Various Fowls Much Alike.

(Saturday Evening Post.)

The white of an egg is nearly seven-eighths water, the balance being pure albumen. The yolk is slightly less than one-half water. These figures apply approximately to the eggs of turkeys, hens, geese, ducks and guinea-fowls.

To show how nearly alike the eggs of various domestic fowls are in respect to composition, the following figures are given by the Department of Agriculture:

Hen's egg—50 per cent water, 16 per cent "protein," 33 per cent fat.

Duck's egg—46 per cent water, 17 per cent "protein," 36 per cent fat.

Goose egg—44 per cent water, 19 per cent "protein," 36 per cent fat.

Turkey egg—48 per cent water, 18 per cent "protein," 33 per cent fat.

It should be explained that "protein" is the stuff that goes to make muscle and blood. Fat, of course, is fuel for running the body-machine. Thus it will be seen that eggs, though half, or nearly half, water, are extremely nutritious, containing all the elements required for the building and support of the human body. But the old saying that an egg contains as much nutriment as a pound of beefsteak is far from correct. It would be nearer the fact to estimate a pound of eggs as equal to a pound of lean beefsteak in nourishing power.

World's Largest Incubator.

Some of the unique methods used to hatch 15,000 eggs at a time are interestingly described as follows:

A novel feature is that the heat of the eggs is regulated by raising or lowering them in the egg chamber, which is nearly a foot high inside, burlap separating it from the pipes. It is well known that as the process of hatching advances the animal heat in the eggs becomes greater, requiring in oil heated incubators a lowering of the temperature of the air supplied. In each compartment is a double glazed window, so that the thermometer may be read without opening the door. The egg trays rest on double frames, hinged by galvanized arms or levers. As the chicks develop the trays are lowered on these supports, the first drop being made in six days, and others at intervals, until, on the twenty-first day, the trays are resting on the bottoms of the chambers. All infertile eggs are tested out on the seventh day.—Technical World Magazine.

Pigeon Farm.

Nowhere in the world, in all probability, can so many tame pigeons be seen in the air as on the pigeon farm, or ranch, which is to be found near Los Angeles, in Southern California. This part of the world is especially favorable for pigeon rearing. They have few natural enemies, hawks being very scarce, while the perpetual summer is an important factor. The farm covers about eight acres of sandy, gravelly soil, and there is an abundant supply of fresh water. Fifteen thousand birds fairly cover the ground and lofts, so that at times, from a distance, it appears as though some of the snow from the neighboring mountains had been dropped upon the roofs. The increase of this gigantic flock is enormous, but the demand is better than the supply, and forty thousand pigeons are sent to market each year.

Our Washington Representative.

We have appointed Harry H. Collier, Tacoma, Washington, as our agent for the State of Washington, for both advertising and subscriptions. Harry H. Collier is one of the best known fanciers in that far Northwestern state. He was formerly publisher of the Pacific Poultryman, and has judged many of the leading poultry shows on the Pacific coast.

NEW YORK CITY MARKETS.

EGGS—Receipts for the week, 93,285 cases. The closing was characterized by a further decline of $\frac{1}{4}$ c per dozen on all grades of western eggs, and the elimination of quotations on refrigerators. The demand was extremely active under call of the exchange, buyers for all accounts stocking up freely for Lenten requirements.

Nearby, f. g., selected white, fcy.....	@	20
Good to choice.....	17	@ 19
Extra mixed.....	15 1/2	@ 17
Firsts.....	15 1/2	@ 16
Western, fresh gathered, firsts.....	@	15 1/2
Fresh gathered, seconds.....	@	15
Fresh gathered, thirds.....	@	14 1/2
Kentucky firsts.....	@	15 1/2
Seconds.....	@	15
Tennessee and Southern seconds.....	@	14 1/2
Southern thirds.....	@	14
Western dirties, No. 1.....	@	14 1/2
No. 2.....	13	@ 13 1/2
Checked eggs.....	12	@ 13
Duck eggs, Baltimore.....	26	@ 30
Western.....	26	@ 28
Southern.....	23	@ 26
Goose eggs.....	@	75

DRESSED POULTRY—Receipts for the week, 14,052 pkgs. The market was featureless and prices on all sorts were left unchanged.

DRY-PACKED.

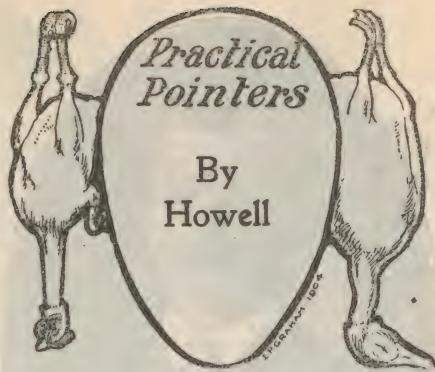
Turkeys—Western, young—Hens, average, best.....	@	19
Young toms, average best.....	17	@ 18
Mixed, average run.....	16	@ 18
Old toms, selected (culls out).....	17	@ 18
Southern & Southwest-ern, dry-picked, average run.....	16	@ 18
Dry-picked, poor to medium.....	14	@ 15
Capons, Ohio, fcy, large.....	17	@ 18
Other western, fcy, large.....	16	@ 17
Western, mixed weights.....	13	@ 15
Small and slips.....	13	@ 14
Chickens, broilers—4 lbs per pair and under—Philadelphia, dry-picked, fcy.....	30	@ 35
Dry-picked, average run N Y & Pa, dry-picked, fcy.....	20	@ 25
Dry-picked, average run N Y & Pa, dry-picked, fcy.....	18	@ 20
Chickens, roasting—8 lbs per pair and over—Philadelphia, dry-picked, fcy.....	18	@ 19
Dry-picked, average run N Y & Pa, dry-picked, fcy.....	12	@ 14
Dry-picked, average run, Western, milk-fed, dry-p, fcy.....	12	@ 14
Milk-fed, scalded, fcy.....	16	@ 17
Dry-picked, average run, dry-picked, poor to medium.....	14	@ 16
Scalded, average run.....	12	@ 13
Fowls—Philadelphia, dry-picked, fancy.....	18	@ 14 1/2
Dry-picked, average run, Western, dry-picked, selected boxes.....	14	@ 14 1/2
Dry-picked, selected bbls.....	13	@ 14
Dry-picked, average run, Scalded, selected boxes.....	13	@ 13 1/2
Scalded, average run.....	13	@ 13 1/2
Other Poultry—Old cocks, dry-picked.....	@	10
Scalded.....	@	10
Ducklings, Virginia, per lb.....	20	@ 22
Squabs, prime white: 8 lbs to doz, per doz.....	@3	50
7 lbs to doz, per doz.....	@2	75
6@6 1/2 lbs to doz, per doz.....	2 00	@ 25
Mixed, per doz.....	1 75	@ 20
Dark, per doz.....	@1	50
Culls, per doz.....	50	@ 75

FROZEN POULTRY.

Turkeys, hen, No. 1.....	@	20
Toms, No. 1.....	19	@ 20
No. 2.....	14	@ 16
Old Toms, No. 1.....	18	@ 19
Broilers, milk-fed, dry-picked, 4 lbs and under to pair.....	22	@ 23
Dry-picked, 4 lbs and under to pair, No. 1.....	19	@ 20
Scalded, 4 lbs and under to pair, No. 1.....	16	@ 18
Roasting chickens, milk-fed, dry-picked, fancy.....	16	@ 17
Soft meat, fancy.....	15	@ 16
Average, No. 1.....	13	@ 14
No. 2.....	8	@ 10
Fowls, No. 1.....	13	@ 13 1/2
No. 2.....	8	@ 10
Ducks, No. 1.....	14	@ 15
No. 2.....	12	@ 13
Geese, No. 1.....	12	@ 13
No. 2.....	8	@ 10

LIVE POULTRY—Receipts for the week were 40 cars. Supplies were closely cleaned up at firm prices. Trading was of peddling character and prices were not revised.

Fowls, per lb.....	@	14 1/2
Roosters, young.....	@	11 1/2
Roosters, old, per lb.....	@	9
Turkeys, per lb.....	16	@ 18
Ducks, western, average, per pair.....	75	@ 85
Southern, per pair.....	60	@ 70
Geese, western, average, per pair.....	1 50	@ 1 75
Southern, average, per pair.....	1 25	@ 1 37
Live pigeons, per pair.....	30	@ 35



The weather, so favorable to high fertility all winter has suddenly changed from on extreme to the other. What the snows and almost unbearable cold will do to early-hatched chicks will be a plenty. Not only this, but the laying hens have received a check and the fertility of eggs will be impaired.

About as lonesome a sight as one can see, is an out-door brooder just showing from under a snow bank.

With an incubator ready to hatch and no warm weather in sight, I have been compelled to rebuild a portion of the long brooder house which, until last season has stood here, a monument to the hot water pipe system and the Hammon-ton Brooder boom.

I think I have improved the shape of the house, which is 40 feet long, 7 feet 6 inches wide, 6 feet high at rear and 4 feet high in front, a board 10 inches wide runs along the bottom at the front, and one 4 inches wide at the top, on these a roll of muslin the length of the house.

In this I have a cheap, warm house, and my chicks will be protected until the warm weather comes.

After trying to set two hens on some choice eggs, I can easily understand why the old Egyptian of the B. C. period built his incubator ovens.

There is more cussedness and meanness in a setting hen than anything else of her size.

My houses with muslin covered windows, doors and sheds, are being the least affected from the compulsory confinement imposed upon their occupants by the snow.

I notice the egg market was two cents a dozen higher last year than this, while in 1904, the price was exactly the same as now. In February, 1905, we enjoyed a 34c market against 22c and 24c this year.

I also note The American Fancier's announcement that owing to their New York location the market conditions will receive attention. I hope they will also preach higher prices for henry eggs, and canvass the city to get the name of every egg seller who does, or is willing to pay more than the market price for such eggs.

Should the readers of the Fancier be in the city for the purpose of finding a customer for his eggs, his chance of doing so would be greatly increased.

I have often noticed the variations in the capacity for food disposed and habits of the different varieties of fowls, when housed under the same roof.

Some breeds will consume twice the amount of feed while producing a like number of eggs, take the Minorca for example, their eggs are large and it stands to reason they must eat hearty to produce an egg of such large size every day, or every other day.

The Brahma lays a small egg for the size of bird itself, and cannot be

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classed as a gourmand, a reasonable feed will make a pretty decent layer out of a Brahma.

Twenty Leghorn pullets will live well on what would be a sort of side dish for fifteen Plymouth Rock hens, the danger line is not reached in a laying Rock hen until she shows signs of breaking down behind. We have here in this town a flock of Rocks before which the grain is never absent, they are fat enough for market yet having free range, it may be said to have been worked on they all lay nearly every day, in fact, I think I have heard the owner say that from a flock of twenty there hasn't been a dag in a year that at least one egg has not been laid, so it is safe to say the feeder must be his own judge as to quantity, and he must also discriminate between the breeds.

Great Central Poultry Association.

The following are the officers of the Great Central Poultry Association, of Carlisle, Pa.: President, W. P. Philippy, Carlisle; Secretary, T. W. DeLancey, Carlisle; Treasurer, George W. Hoffman, Carlisle; Vice-Presidents, W. H. Hess, Fayetteville; Edward Shennabrook, Chambersburg; George W. Keller, Hummelstown, George F. Miller, New Kingston; Augustus D. Arnold, Dillsburg; William F. Jones, York; J. L. Purple, Columbia; H. A. Emmel, Mars; E. W. Gaiter, Mount Joy; W. C. Miller, Carlisle. Executive Committee, Dr. W. T. Philippy, F. W. DeLancey, George L. Hoffman, Charles T. Cornman, Edward Shennabrook, George F. Miller, Frank Speck, William G. Minnich. Superintendent, E. E. Eckel, Chambersburg, Pa. Judges, William G. Minnich, Charles T. Cornman; dogs, Thomas Turner, Baltimore, Md.

Advertising Defined.

The ad. is the egg, the paper the incubator, the inquiry from the reader the chick, the office receiving the inquiry the brooder. If the brooder is not prepared to receive and properly care for the chick it will die. If the office is not equipped and the office force incompetent or unequal to the proper handling of the inquiry, it will die, and all the effort and expense of preparing and publishing the advertisement will be lost. Look well to your inquiries. The success of failure of your advertising campaign depends very largely upon your doing this.

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Don't put all your eggs in one basket. Poultry keeping pays when managed right, but many a poultry keeper would make more money by keeping less poultry, and developing some of the other resources of his situation. The day of intensive poultry culture is passing—for most of us. There is room enough in this great country to keep hens with more room per hen and less labor per man required per dollar of net receipts. Study your situation and see what you can make out of it.

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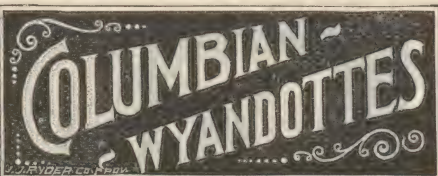
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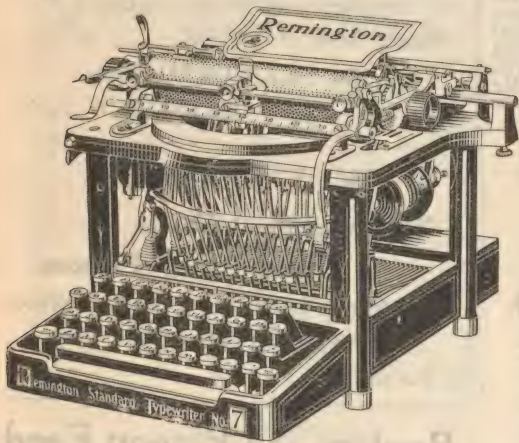
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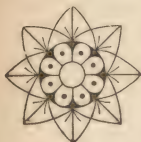
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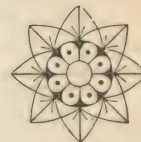
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BY AN OLD TIMER



We have heard a great deal of late about the Hamburg, but now that the large body of the admirers of the old and beautiful breed are united again for another effort we shall probably hear more about it than before. I hope so. For all the beautiful fowls we have, undoubtedly the Hamburg is the most beautiful. It has been said that no other product of poultry breeding skill has ever elicited the genuine admiration that a gold or silver penciled pullet of modern days, or a silver penciled cockerel of high quality invariably does to all and sundry who come across them. Let an outsider, who has never seen such birds before go round a Poultry show and select the most beautiful fowl, and he will invariably select the Hamburg. He cannot help doing so. Some birds approach them in appearance but fail in some one great point, which makes all the difference.

Take the Black Hamburg and the Black Minorca for instance. In many respects they are alike. Their color is black, their shape and size somewhat similar, but what a difference in head! Of course, the admirer of the Minorca, wedded to a large, beefy single comb, can see nothing but beauty in it, and the more the comb of the hen hangs in a large, flabby looking, apparently torn mass over one side of her face, completely blocking out the use of one eye, the more he may be genuinely delighted. But he has become wedded to such, not from a sense of beauty, but from a sense that, in that particular breed such and such a point approaches the ideal standard point desired. His taste is acquired, not spontaneously natural. It is like the taste for tea, beer, cider, claret, etc. We don't like them first time tasting, but we get used to them. By and bye, we become connoisseurs of them, till finally we want them of exaggerated delicacy, exquisite aroma, and so forth.

But that is no guide as to what our unacquired, natural inclination towards them are. Even so of the head-piece of the Minorca, Leghorn and so on. But a beautiful Rosecomb, well worked, with a long leader, appeals, when combined with an immaculate ear lobe, to the non-fancier as pleasing. The shape, carriage, and style of the Hamburg generally will also appeal strongly to the non-fancier. The plentitude of its feathering, the sweep and carriage of its tail, the beautiful glossy of green surpassing that of other fowls, save and except the black Sumatra Game Fowl, are all things lovely, but when exquisite markings, lovely lacing, or bold spangling, on

the fairest or richest of grounds, is added thereto the tout ensemble is bewitching, irresistible, and, in spite of himself, the non-fancier is drawn thereto.

This is no chimera, no mere expression written with a view to flatter the Hamburg. It is the genuine truth. Put a first-class Ancona Cockerel, a Black Minorca, a colored Leghorn, a Houdan, a Lakenvelder, Andalusian, Laced Wyandotte, or any other fowl, having any pretensions to symmetry, style, grace, color, or markings together, and bring into the competition a Black Hamburg, a Silver Spangled and Silver penciled, and ask the general public to single out the three most attractive fowls, and there is little or no doubt that the verdict would be for the three Hamburgs against the whole lot, by 90 per cent. of those making the choice. The Hamburgs of late years have undoubtedly had to take a back seat, but this was by no means due to their lack of precedence of beauty. Sundry causes brought it about. The market was cornered by half a dozen speculative men; and this cornering immensely benefited a few of the cleverest breeders, who found a first-class market, tip-top prices, for their A1 birds. But it did not benefit the Hamburg community at large.

It was on the same lines as the Russian bureaucracy now. The Czar, the Grand Dukes, the Dowager Empress mother, a few grandees generally may live a life of despotic affluence and luxury, but the great mass is never contented with such an arrangement, and seething cauldrons below soon begin to manifest their ferment, and trouble sooner or later is in store. So Hamburg men became malcontents not with the beauty of their favorites, nor with their usefulness, but with the selfishness of the few that would grasp and grab for that which should reasonably have been distributed among the many. Therefore they sought an outlet in other breeds.

Another factor militating against it was that which sooner or later militates against every breed. Men start in their young days, when full of headstrong fire and spirit, and the thing is a real hobby, pleasure and pastime to them. They care not if they waste a bit of money over it. Full of the "jeu d'esprit" of winning, beating their neighbors, climbing up and up, and making a name, glorying the meanwhile in the cups, plate, etc., which are growing in number on the sideboard of their dining room, they are almost prodigal and reckless whilst youth lasts. But by the time

they have made a name age has crept on, and with age comes loss of that impetuous fire which caused unheeded expenditure. A soberer state takes the place of the former heat. Family calls make it imperative that the hobby shall pay its way. By and bye, it is seen that there is money in it. Then the sordid spirit works. The hobby gives way gradually to the commercial enterprise, and the last state of things in one sense, is much worse than the first. Then it is a hand to hand fight with everybody, on money lines mostly. Finally, as time works on, the greedy, grasping spirit is found here and there. It is a matter of one's living. Sharp practices enter in, and every nerve is strained to win the day. The high morality which once may have governed the thing perchance has been blotted out; every man becomes suspicious of his neighbor, and rightly, too. For soon the thoroughly earnest worker finds that he has no chance whatever against the skillful manipulator. That the breeding cannot keep pace with the faking becomes an assured fact. In disgust the man of small power or of honest intentions throws up the breeding, and either takes to a new variety, or out of the Fancy altogether.

This is not too vivid a picture of what often takes place with all breeds. Added to this, the greater the perfection of the Fancy points in a fowl, and the greater the danger that by injudicious mating, and ignorance of line breeding, the general usefulness of the breed has become impaired to the general farmer, and others who would like to keep fowls for utility purposes.

But one can hardly say that this has happened with Hamburgs. It is commonly said of them, by those who have an interest in other breeds, that this actually has been the case. But in reality this is not so. The birds in some varieties are a little smaller, but weight for weight with the food they eat there is not a breed of fowls at the present moment so remunerative in the matter of egg production as the Hamburg. When Blacks will lay, as the writer can testify, eight eggs weighing nineteen and three-quarter ounces, the weight of the first grade Dutch eggs (and few of them at that), imported into this country, there can, indeed, be no cause for grumbling. The writer does not believe for a single moment the statement he saw in the Fancy Press a week or so ago—a general assumption that the first few pullets' eggs in a laying competition of mixed varieties being about two ounces, we may confidently ex-

pect these pullets in a few weeks time to run the weight of their eggs to twenty ounces for the eight, that is to say two and a quarter ounces each.

Such statements are only random ones. I have weighed eggs all my life, and the Blacks, in question, were exceptional, and almost beyond belief. It is all very well to add a note when one is weighing eggs, that amongst eight there was an abnormal egg of three or nearly four ounces. The fact is, that our very best of all eggs will seldom reach twenty ounces for eight and rarely or never exceed it, except in the case of an unhealthy double yolked, or double shelled specimen. Now, if the Black Hamburg, with all its in-breeding, and all its lovely high quality show characteristics, can be made to produce the very best in the matter of eggs, there is no reason that on this point of egg production, it should take a back seat.

The penciled varieties, Dutch-every-day Layers, Chittreps, as they are variously called, will lay for nearly nine months, sometimes ten or fifteen days without a break. They go on week after week in an incredible fashion, filling up scores and scores of eggs, and never want to sit. This is important, because where a bird is of a broody nature it stands to reason that some three or four months of the year she is busy with maternal duties, where our Hamburg is steadily laying all the time. They are birds that will lay in the depth of winter, in the bleakest of places. Everyone must admit that Scotland, being further north than England, must be colder, wilder, more exposed, and bleaker in winter than we are. Yet Scotland is one of the great strongholds of the Hamburg. Out of Scotland come some of our grandest and best specimens, got up, too, in time for our great South-country shows, the Palace and International.

Let no one conceive that the Hamburg is a delicate fowl. If it be properly reared, and there is a whole world of meaning in the word properly, the Hamburg is quite hardy, will live under wild climatic conditions, housed through the winter in a thick evergreen bush; and what other fowl is hardier than that? So that, putting everything together, its extreme beauty, its extreme usefulness, its hardy constitution, if properly dealt with, it appeals with no uncertain voice to all who wish to keep the most lovely and beautiful of all fowls. Hence, men have stuck to it, through thick and thin, through prosperous and through darkened times. Remove the monopoly which a few breeders

have over it; give all breeders a chance of success alike, and all will go well. The fowl is irresistible. It cannot fail.

DATES CLAIMED.

Under this heading there will appear each week a list of all the shows claiming dates for the coming season. Secretaries of poultry, pigeon and pet stock exhibitions will confer a favor by sending in the dates selected as promptly as possible. It is not only a convenience and guide to secretaries of shows that have not selected their dates, but of great interest to readers of *The American Fancier*, a majority of whom are exhibitors.

The name of secretary and judges will be appreciated when sending in notices.

Aug. 21-24—Cortlandt, N. Y. Cortlandt County Agricultural Society, W. J. Greenman, Secretary.
Nov. 12-17—Houston, Tex., Hewey S. Fox, Jr., Secretary.
Dec. 4-8—Youngstown, O., H. J. Cossler, Secretary.
Dec. 4-8—Wilkes Barre, Pa., David T. Miller, Secretary.
Dec. 6-9—Danbury, Conn., C. H. Brundage, Secretary.
Jan. 15-19, 1907—Kansas City, Mo., P. H. DePree, Secretary.
Jan. 15-19—Angola, Ind., Tri-State P. and P. S. Association, W. K. Sheffer, Secretary.
Jan. 30-Feb. 2—St. Albans, Vt., C. O. Barrett, Secretary.
Dec. 4-8—Providence, R. I., Rhode Island Poultry Association, W. I. Brown, Secretary, 6 Exchange Place.
Dec. 12-15—Corsicana, Tex., W. E. Elliott, Secretary, Box 281.
Dec. 12-14—Kingston, N. Y., F. E. Miller, Secretary, Rifton, N. Y.
Dec. 5-8, Grand Rapids, Wis. Grand Rapids Poultry Association; B. G. Eggert, Secretary; Frank Heck, Judge.
Dec. 11-14, Lewistown, Mo. Lewistown Poultry Association; A. O. Brooking, Secretary; La Belle, Mo.; Frank Heck, Judge.
Dec. 12-15, Stoughton, Wis. Stoughton Poultry Association; Sylvanus Ames, Secretary; Frank Heck, Judge.
Dec. 19-22, Holland, Mich. Holland Poultry and Pet Stock Association; L. S. Sprietsma, Secretary; Frank Heck, Judge.
Jan. 7-11, Aurora, Ill. Aurora Poultry Association; Walter M. Smith, Secretary; Frank Heck, Judge.
Jan. 9-13, Chilton, Wis. Chilton Poultry and Pet Stock Association; A. Stransky, Secretary; Frank Heck, Judge.
Feb. 5-9, Hudson, Mich. Southern Michigan Poultry Association; Ed. R. West, Secretary; Frank Heck, Judge.
Jan. 28-Feb. 2, Cleveland, Ohio. Cleveland Fancier's Club Co.; F. L. Gruchl, Secretary; 1922 Woodland Ave.
Dec. 5-8, Paterson, N. J. Paterson Poultry, Pigeon and Pet Stock Association; Charles Frost, Secretary.
Jan. 16-20, Charlotte, N. C. Charlotte Poultry Association; W. B. Alexander, Secretary.
Jan. 8-11, Middletown, Conn. Middlesex County Poultry, Pigeon and Pet Stock Association; Arthur L. Clark, Secretary.
Dec. 19-23, Mohnsville, Pa. Wyomissing Poultry Association; George W. Hatt, Secretary, Mohn's Store, Pa.; Charles T. Cornman, Judge.

A. P. A. to Meet at Auburn, N. Y.

(Special to *The American Fancier*).

Beaver, Pa., April 3, 1906.—The mail vote upon the question of designating the next meeting place of The American Poultry Association resulted as follows:

Auburn, N. Y. 65
New York City. 43
Fort Wayne, Ind. 2
Not voting 10

T. E. ORR, Sec'y.

Our Washington Representative.

We have appointed Harry H. Collier, Tacoma, Washington, as our agent for the State of Washington, for both advertising and subscriptions. Harry H. Collier is one of the best known fanciers in that far Northwestern state. He was formerly publisher of the *Pacific Poultryman*, and has judged many of the leading poultry shows on the Pacific coast.

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PIGEON PRATTLE

BY C. A. HOUSE

With the advent of the month of St. Valentine, the thoughts of most fanciers are turned towards the all important work of the breeding season. Even those who do not believe in early breeding must begin to put their house or houses in order. This putting of the house in order is far more important than many think. It would be folly for me to say pigeons cannot be bred unless the loft undergoes a thorough turn out and cleansing, because I have myself seen pigeons breeding in lofts which for filth and unsanitary conditions quite equalled any pig-stye. I have even heard it argued that pigeons do better when the house is only cleaned out once a year. Now I like to serve my birds as I serve myself, and I firmly believe that what is good for a man is good for his beast likewise. If cleanliness is next to godliness then let it be practiced all round.

The first step in preparation for the breeding season is to thoroughly overhaul and turn out the loft. If one has only one loft the birds must all be caught and given a day in the baskets whilst their master proceeds to do his spring cleaning. If there is more than one house available, then remove the birds from one house to another. This done strip the inside of the house or loft completely of all fixtures and fittings. Then brush and scrub the walls to your hearts content, but let it be a dry scrub. It is the height of folly to at this time of the year saturate the walls with whitewash.

Outside buildings, be they of stone, brick, or wood, are none too dry at this time, and to make them worse by putting a lot of wet whitewash on walls is worse than foolishness—it is simply tempting providence to provide a crop of colds, roup, etc., amongst the stock. The walls should be first swept with an ordinary household broom, then given a dry scrub with a scrubbing brush, and a bucket of sawdust. If they are gone over carefully and thoroughly little dirt will be left and a sweet, pleasant smell pervade the atmosphere. If the walls are painted or dressed with Hall's Sanitary Distemper Wash, a most admirable preparation, then they may, of course, be washed down with a flannel and a bucket of warm water, care being taken to wipe them thoroughly with a dry cloth. All perches, or other fittings should be given a good scraping and dry scrubbing, ere being returned to the loft. Don't wash them. Damp perches may easily give some of your best birds cramp or rheumatism.

The mating of a stud of birds is a matter of considerable difficulty to the young fancier, and very often one has not only to consider the outward and visible points of each pair mated, but also their family history. Pedigree plays a great part in the success or failure of a stud, and no man can be continuously and permanently successful who ignores the family history of the stock he is dealing with. It is no use pairing a fine stout headed owl to a hen which fails in skull properties unless you know of a certainty that he

come from a family of big headed birds. On the other hand, with a knowledge of their pedigrees it is quite possible to put together two moderate headed birds and produce from them something which shall excel in skull properties.

To the true fancier the breeding season with its anticipations, its disappointments, and its joyous realizations is much the most interesting period of the year. There is a fascination about the breeding season that no other season provides, a fascination which increases as the years roll on and success is attained. As I have often said, my notes are written principally for the young hands, those new recruits who are ever joining our ranks, some to attain to fame and notoriety on the show bench, others to flourish for a time and then drop out of our ranks because success does not attend their efforts. This should not be. No man having once put his hand to the plough should look back. Failure in the fancy is nine times out of ten the result of a wrong commencement. He who would fain be known as a breeder of birds capable of winning firsts and specials at the Palace and other big events, often goes to the Palace and buys a number of first prize winners, pairs them together, foolishly thinking he will breed something sensational. He does, but it is not sensational in the right direction. It is worth about as many pence as the parents are worth pounds. He is disappointed, but being a man of pluck and grit, he has another try. He buys some more winners, pairs them up, and the result is as before. He begins to think he has been had in some way, that the birds he bought were not naturally as good as they looked, but although discouraged, he has another try—result again the same. He becomes disgusted and gives up what should have been, and what he hoped would prove a pleasurable and profitable hobby.

Our young hand went wrong in two ways. He started wrong by buying indiscriminately a number of good birds and pairing them together irrespective of their family history. Yet even his first wrong step might have been remedied had he kept the young bred the first season and paired some back to their parents, and others to their brothers and sisters. A moment's thought would have told him that, although his champions had not reproduced their own excellencies in their young, that those excellencies must of necessity be in the blood, and therefore the only way to fetch them out was to work them up together in the manner I have indicated. The bringing in of a lot more alien blood would only tend to make confusion worse confounded. Yet ninety-nine times out of a hundred this is what the novice does.

The advice I would give all new hands is not to go buying up all the best birds in the land, but to go to our most successful breeder and purchase from him as many good birds as

you possibly can, and when buying the birds ask for his assistance in mating them. Throw yourself on his honor and sportsmanship, and you will not repent of it. Then, if possible, obtain his further assistance the next season in the selection of your breeding stock and the mating up of the birds you have bred. As an illustration of how not to do it, and how to do it, I will give an experience of my own.

Some years ago a certain fancier purchased some big winners of mine. He paired them together on their show performances, and would not listen to the advice I gave him, which advice was based upon the knowledge I possessed of their family history. The result was that from birds costing over £20 each, he bred nothing worth 20s. In the next season he followed my advice, and mated his birds exactly as I told him, and had the pleasure of standing 1st, 2nd and 3rd in one class at the Dairy show, the first time his young birds made their appearance. But what was even more pleasurable and gave him greater satisfaction, was the knowledge that the best of my season's produce stood behind him. From this little incident my young readers will grasp the truth of the argument that he who would be consistently and continually successful as a breeder of live stock, must study pedigree, and not be carried away by outward good looks. Commoners occasionally throw a child of beauty, but such has not the power to perpetuate its form and visage. But more of this in my next.—Pigeons and Poultry, England.

IN MY BACK YARD.

After spending last winter in the South, I came up North again and started looking for a house. Luckily I was able to get one with a fine chicken house on the property, and a yard 50 x 205 feet. As soon as I saw that chicken house, I started looking for some chickens, and bought eight White Leghorn pullets and a cockerel. I also sent to a noted breeder and bought three settings of Buff Rock eggs. In the meantime I had been saving my Leghorn eggs, and when the Rock eggs arrived, I set three hens on the Buff Rock eggs and five hens on White Leghorn eggs, the eggs hatching June 25th.

From the Rock eggs I raised thirteen chickens, and from the Leghorn eggs twenty-five. After killing the cockerels I had seven Buff Rock pullets and twelve White Leghorn pullets.

The Buffs started laying Christmas Day and the Leghorns January 29. Now the point is this, Leghorns supposed to mature and lay sooner than Rocks, but in my case it hasn't been so, and at the present writing, March 19, the seven Buff Rock Pullets are laying one-third more eggs than the twelve Leghorn pullets. This article is not written to get up a controversy regarding the respective merits of the two breeds but is simply a statement of facts from a beginner's experience. "HUTCH."

IMPORTANT NOTICE!

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NEW YORK CITY MARKETS.

EGGS—Receipts for the week, 106,916 cases; since March 1, 391,197 cases. The closing was characterized by an advance of 1c per dozen in all grades of western eggs.

Nearby, f. g., selected	..	@	21
white, fcy.....	19	@	20
Good to choice.....	..	@	19
Extra mixed.....	..	@	18
First.....	..	@	18
Western, fresh gathered,	..	@	18
firsts.....	..	@	17 1/2
Fresh gathered, seconds.....	16 3/4	@	17
Fresh gathered thirds.....	..	@	16 1/2
Kentucky, firsts.....	..	@	18
Seconds.....	..	@	17 1/2
Tenn. & other southern,	..	@	17 1/2
firsts.....	17 1/2	@	17 3/4
Southern, seconds.....	..	@	17
Southern, thirds.....	..	@	16 1/2
Western, dirties, No. 1.....	15 1/2	@	16
No. 2.....	14 1/2	@	15 1/2
Checked eggs.....	..	@	33
Duck eggs, Baltimore.....	28	@	30
Western.....	25	@	28
Southern.....	75	@	80
Goose eggs.....	..	@	80

DRESSED POULTRY—Receipts for the week, 16,249 plgs. The downward rise of prices on fowls was checked, but trade was very dull, and large sizes closed weak.

DRY-PACKED.			
Turkeys—Western, young—	..	@	19
Hens, average, best.....	17	@	18
Young toms, average best	16	@	18
Mixed, average run.....	17	@	18
Old toms, selected (culls	..	@	18
out).....	16	@	18
Southern & Southwestern,	..	@	18
dry-picked, average	14	@	15
run.....	..	@	15
Dry-picked, poor to	..	@	15
medium.....	..	@	15
Chickens, broilers—4 lbs	..	@	35
per pair and under—	20	@	25
Philadelphia, dry-picked,	..	@	25
fcy.....	18	@	20
Dry-picked, average run	..	@	25
N Y & Pa, dry-picked,	..	@	25
fcy.....	12	@	14
Dry-picked, average run	..	@	15
Chickens, roasting—8 lbs	..	@	14
per pair and over—	16	@	17
Philadelphia, dry-picked,	..	@	16
fcy.....	12	@	13
Dry-picked, average run	..	@	13
N Y & Pa, dry-picked,	..	@	13
fcy.....	10	@	11
Dry-picked, average run	..	@	13
Western, milk-fed, dry-p,	..	@	13
fcy.....	14	@	14 1/2
Milk-fed, scalded, fcy.....	13 1/2	@	14
Dry-picked, average run	..	@	13
Dry-picked, poor to	..	@	13
medium.....	14	@	14 1/2
Scalded, average run.....	..	@	13
Fowls—	..	@	13
Philadelphia, dry-picked,	..	@	13
fancy.....	14	@	14 1/2
Dry-picked, average run	..	@	14
Western, dry-picked,	..	@	14
selected boxes.....	14	@	14 1/2
Dry-picked, selected bbls	..	@	14
Dry-picked, average run	..	@	13
Scalded, selected, boxes	..	@	14 1/2
Scalded, average run.....	..	@	13
Other Poultry—	..	@	13
Old cocks, dry-picked...	..	@	10
Scalded.....	..	@	10
Ducklings, Virginia, per lb	20	@	22
Squabs, prime white:	..	@	22
8 lbs to doz, per doz...	..	@	50
7 lbs to doz, per doz...	..	@	50
6@6 1/2 lbs to doz, per	..	@	50
doz.....	175	@	2 00
Mixed, per doz.....	150	@	1 75
Dark, per doz.....	..	@	1 50
Culls, per doz.....	50	@	75

FROZEN POULTRY.			
Turkeys, hen, No. 1....	..	@	20
Toms, No. 1.....	19	@	20
No. 2.....	14	@	16
Old Toms, No. 1.....	18	@	19
Capons, western.....	18	@	20
Older, milk-fed, dry-	..	@	23
icked, 4 lbs and under to	22	@	23
pair.....	19	@	20
Dry-picked, 4 lbs and under	..	@	20
to pair, No. 1.....	16	@	18
Scalded, 4 lbs and under	..	@	18
to pair, No. 1.....	16	@	17
Roasting chickens, milk-	15	@	16
fed, dry-picked, fancy.....	13	@	14
Soft meat, fancy.....	8	@	10
Average, No. 1.....	13	@	13 1/2
No. 2.....	8	@	10
Fowls, No. 1.....	13	@	13 1/2
No. 2.....	8	@	10
Ducks, No. 1.....	14	@	15
No. 2.....	12	@	13
Geese, No. 1.....	12	@	13
No. 2.....	8	@	10

LIVE POULTRY—Receipts for the week were 41 cars. Trading was of peddling character, and in the former range of prices.

Fowls, per lb.....	..	@	15
Roosters, young.....	..	@	11 1/2
Roosters, old, per lb.....	..	@	9
Turkeys, per lb.....	16	@	18
Ducks, western, average,	..	@	85
per pair.....	75	@	70
Southern, per pair.....	60	@	70
Geese, western, average,	..	@	1 50
per pair.....	150	@	1 37
Southern, average, per	..	@	1 37
pair.....	25	@	35
Geese, western, average,	..	@	35
per pair.....	30	@	35

Worth Remembering

That the man who is a real success as a raiser of live stock, be it horses, hogs, hens or hounds, is the man who attends to all the most insignificant details. The man who studies the habits and dispositions and temperaments of each individual under his care.

That no sort of live stock will thrive as a whole that are kept and fed in groups, flocks or crowds, unless such groups are, or have been, assorted and graded, and are of the same size, temperament, tastes and dispositions, each individual, the mild tempered, quiet, together; the dainty and delicate together; the nervous and "scary" together; and the ravenous and gluttonous together; and even then the smaller the group the better the stock will prosper.

That haphazard methods in caring for stock cannot be too strenuously condemned, a feast one day and a famine the next, cannot be practiced with any success. On the contrary, nothing but failure comes from such methods. As has been said, each individual must be studied. The amount of food sufficient for one may not be enough to keep another of the same age and size thriving, and be enough in another case, to harm another of same age and size; and a care taker who cannot perceive these differences is incompetent and a failure.

That regularity in feeding and caring for any sort of stock is next in importance to good wholesome food, and the correct amount to be given. The trustworthy attendant, the man whose stock is always looking well and doing well, the man who is constantly producing specimens above the ordinary, is not, nor never was, the man who devotes half of the night in the bar-room, nor half of his days playing the races.

That the care, management, knowledge of, and selection of the most desirable blood lines, and the scientific mating and breeding of any variety or branch of live stock is a work of a great many parts, and that, as yet, we are struggling with Vol. 1, No. 1. That some particular branches are in advance of others is admitted. That some breeders are better versed and have a clearer insight into the art of breeding their specialties than others, will not be denied. Yet, none of us are farther than the primary department; and none of us living, or for many generations yet to come, will graduate with 100 points to their credit.

That the breeding of an occasional extraordinary specimen is commendable, and something to take pride in; but that, unless we can continue on with specimens of this sort, is conclusive proof that we are not yet "on to" the secrets of breeding, the conditions, environments, and mingling of the proper blood lines, at the proper time, that produced this grand result. Have not learned our lesson perfect, and are not in control of the proper knowledge.

That, the breeder whose flock, herd, or breeding stud, or rather the young produced are a level lot, above the ordinary, is considerably farther advanced on the right road to success,

than the man who produced the one extraordinary specimen, and the balance of his output were of as many different grades as he had specimens. The one method proves careless breeding, a lack of knowledge, simply a happen-stance, luck, as some would call it, but which is something we do not believe in. The other, proves the breeder a thinker, and on the right road, and only time is needed, and an absence of mistakes and he is "a comer."

That a good start in breeding live stock, be it horses, hounds, hares or hens is a gigantic stride toward success in breeding. By a good start we mean the selection of good specimens, particularly specimens from a line of producers. The accidentally bred good one is not to be depended on as a producer of good ones, far oftener the results in breeding from such a specimen are very unsatisfactory.

That, two or three really prime specimens to start with, is of far more value and a much quicker road to success and glory than twenty or more of an indifferent class.

That, one of the most important factors in a successful breeding establishment is valuable dams. Two much attention cannot be given this matter. Dams good in type, good in qualities desired in the breed, by the latter expression we mean this, if trotters are your aim, see that the dam, besides having good form, has speed, was bred from a dam with speed, etc; if hounds is what you intend to breed see that the dam is good in typical points, and is a hunter, and bred from a dam that is a hunter. If hens is your choice and you want eggs, see that the dam is from a laying strain, and you can by judicious mating carry along these desired qualities indefinitely, and besides can intensify them, and keep on developing them until the goal, perfection, is reached.

That, after getting such desired qualities bred in your strain, it is comparatively easy sailing to keep annually producing specimens strong in these points, and all specimens produced during a season's breeding will be above the average in these qualities.

That, one of the greatest troubles with Americans who wish to start a breeding establishment of any sort is this, he wants to rush, that's American. He has room, he figures, for so many horses, or hounds, or hens, whatever line he intends to take up, and therefore he mates the full number to start with. Such an idea is "dead wrong." If he persists, as he generally does, he must buy what other breeders are offering for sale. Why are they on the market? If the experienced breeder has no use for them in his collection of breeders, what can the new man, the amateur, expect to breed from them?

That, you had better make haste slowly, stop and think. It will not harm your head so much to think as it will your breeding interests to rush. Better visit the popular stables, kennels or poultry farms, ask questions and prices. When you strike a dam

that the owner tells you is not for sale, that is the one you want for a foundation. Stick a pin here, and buy her if you can possibly induce her owner to set a price on her. Better have one such dam that a score of "cast-offs."

That, you must use sense (the common sort will do) in buying, even after getting advised as above. If it is sentiment that causes an owner to refuse to sell a certain specimen, it then should carry no particular weight, as for instance, "because it is a pet of his wife, daughter, etc.," but, if for the reason that she breeds good youngsters, and is of too much value to his stable, or kennel, I repeat, buy her, if it takes half of what you have laid aside to purchase ten with. You will get on top with the best ten times as quickly by so doing.

D. E. B. O'NAIR.

THE BROWN LEGHORN.

When, How and By Whom First Introduced.

In the fall of 1852, Captain Isaac D. Gates, deceased, of Mystic, Conn., sail from New York in the Barge, Asa Fish, for the Mediterranean for a cargo of fruit. Having obtained his cargo he put into the port of Leghorn to procure his stores for the homeward passage. He gave his steward, John Weller (now living at Mystic, Conn.) orders to purchase a crate of fowls to supply the cabin table. When the crate came on board, Weller separated the cockerels from the pullets, intending to kill the cockerels first. But before the first crate was depopulated, the pullets in the other crate commenced laying. This being reported to the captain, he told Weller to feed them well and not kill any of the layers. This just suited Weller, and he spared no pains to provide them with the best the vessel's larder afforded, and when the vessel arrived in New York Captain Gates sent the birds to his wife at Mystic. I saw them when they came, and shall never forget their unique appearance. Their massive scarlet combs hanging pendent, some on one side and some movements, their peculiar but uniform color, their characteristics as perpetual layers and non-setters, attracted crowds of the curious.

The fancy poultry business was then in its infancy and to intimate that you considered your hens superior to your neighbors, and that you would not swap eggs even, was but to put yourself in a position to know what your neighbors thought of you and your hens. But George D. Burrows, deceased, and John Jeneson, then principal of the Mystic River Academy, and now living at Norwich, Conn., obtained some of the birds from Mrs. Gates, and set themselves up in the business. In their hands they proved to be the eighth wonder, and soon the hen fever became as prevalent and as catching as the measles. I caught it with the rest and have had it ever since.

But the Leghorn of 1853 would be a sorry looking bird in the show room of to-day. In color they were a dirty brown, the neck and hackle feathers in many instances quite dark, while the breast was wholly wanting in that round, fullness and the marking which an intermingling of the Partridge Cochin blood has given to the modern bird. The size, form, fine feather markings and white ear lobes are all American prefixes and add more to the beauty than to the utility of the "Old Brown Leghorn."

Weed's Wanderings

Our first visit this morning was to the yards of George E. McLaughlin, who has a beautiful location. George has met, right in the commencement, what so many new men in the business meets with, and that is dishonest advertisers—but George is getting there just the same. In continuing our journey, we met Wm. R. M. Dowd, with his good horse "Jock." (By the way, if I were writing of horses instead of poultry, I would give "Jock" a full page at least.) Mr. Dowd takes me in for a ride to Tyringham. This beautiful little hamlet is snuggled away in a valley of the Berkshires, and is getting to be a place of no small note, for here we find the summer home of Editor Gilder, of the Century magazine, also Mark Twain spent part of last summer here, and Grover Cleveland came with his family to enjoy nature as she is found in these grand hills.

We meet with some "not at home" people, which is rather discouraging, 'till we arrive at the home of Clarence W. Hale, and here we have the pleasure of looking over some ribbon winners. White Wyandottes and Barred Plymouth Rocks are the varieties that Mr. Hale is giving his attention to, and after seeing his new incubator room—where two machines are doing fine work—we bid Mr. Hale good-by. With another "not at home" call we start for home. My, what a politician "Jock" would make. He is such a natural mud thrower. At night we start for Pittsfield to attend a meeting of the Pittsfield Poultry Association, who already have plans laid for their next winter's show, to be shown in Empire Coops, and we think under the comparison system. Here we had a heart to heart talk with H. G. Oles, who thinks that the acme of all poultryry is to be found in the Columbian Wyandotte. I have had the pleasure of handling Mr. Oles' birds at several shows this last winter and can honestly say that he has as good stock as money can buy, and keeps them in fine condition.

We take time while in Lee to visit the yards of F. K. Chaffee. S. C. Brown Leghorns are the Doctor's choice and his winnings at the shows here proves that he has the goods. Thence again to Pittsfield to meet Mr. N. C. Messer, the hard-worked ex-secretary of the late Pittsfield show. W. P. Rocks, and birds fit to compete in any company, are here seen. Mjr. Messer certainly knows and owns some good birds. And now North Adams will be our next visiting place. Here last winter was held a very successful show, paying all bills and also paying \$150 on their coops. Here we meet Mr. H. W. Frame, of Stamford, Vt., who is starting with the best obtainable, buying the first prize pen of White Wyandottes at the North Adams show. His Red's are of the same high merit and his L. B. Bants were purchased direct from the leading breeder of this variety in the country. A short walk brought us to the home of Mr. C. A. Larabee, Assistant Postmaster, who

has two grand pens of White Wyandottes. Thence to the Notch Road, where C. M. Ottman has a beautiful home, his Buff P. Rocks and winners of blue ribbons show their quality, thence up the hill to Mr. A. Whitney, who has just rented a large poultry plant. Al. is "on the force," and with four dear little tots in the house, and with some 200 pure bred White and Buff Wyandottes, I can see a busy time for him this summer.

Next—we go to the farm of T. C. Brown. Mr. Brown is a living illustration of what pure out-door air will do for a man. It is not so long ago that he held a good position in one of the large stores; yes, a good position, but poor health made Mr. Brown realize that there must be a change made. So this pale and emaciated counter-jumper, gets a farm in the near vicinity, commences to serve the people of North Adams with an Al quality of milk, cream, eggs, broilers and roasters, and a look at the man's clear eye and tanned cheek, would show you that health, priceless health, has been returned to him. Buff Wyandottes, and the best, are Mr. Brown's choice.

Mr. J. H. Krum, Jr., part owner of one of the largest drug stores in the city is a breeder of S. C. Reds, and they are dandys.

Next to receive our attention is R. C. Blodgett, breeder of S. C. B. Leghorns, R. C. W. Leghorns and Buff P. Rocks. In addition Mr. Blodgett owns a large photographing establishment, so Mr. Whitney (in plain clothes) and myself sat to him, and if the photo proves good I will let the readers of the Fancier see it in the near future.

Now, the above spoken of breeders are all active members of the North Adams Poultry Association, whose next show will be held on 1st to 4th inclusive, of January '07.

Our next is to the yards of Mr. P. J. Lyre. It will need a special article to describe the beautiful collection of fowls and pet stock that Mr. Lyre has collected. He is also president of one and vice-president of several poultry societies. A gentleman and fancier whom to meet is to respect and appreciate.

After leaving Mr. Lyre's we proceed to Lenox and meet genial T. W. Broderick, who breeds R. C. R. I. Reds. Tim is one of those exhibitors that is willing to admit that the other fellow has a few good birds.

Mr. Wm. J. Welsh, of Lenox, receives our next call. Barred P. Rocks are "Bill's" favorites, and he is exceedingly strong in female lines, his first hen at Boston proving this, and it is too bad that the catalogue or poultry press did not give him credit for same. Next we meet Harry Petus, Secretary of the Lenox Poultry Show, and a breeder of Buff Plymouth Rocks. Harry gives us a cordial invitation to their Poultry Banquet, to be held on the 13th of the month, it being the five times thirteen birthday of the genial president of the Society, also the 13th annual of the Poultry Society.

Next we see the yards of Wm. M. Shaylor, and here see what we consider the best collection of American Dominiques there is in America, and here we also see Barred Rock Bantams, the little beauties that gathered in the blue ribbons at New York. White Leghorns, too, are a fine lot.

One more visit and we are through for the week, so we visit the nicely arranged yards of C. Viddito, where Barred Rocks and White Wyandottes meet the eye, and a nice lot they are, and now we will wend our way homeward.

My first visit in the Nutmeg State was made at the yards of A. E. Bushnell, Lakeville. There is the making of quite a fancier in Albert. S. C. R. I. Reds are his hobby, and Al. certainly has good birds. He has exhibited a few times and has always come off with a few blue ribbons—but Al. tries more for eggs than ribbons, and he certainly gets them. He is fortunate in having a wife that is as interested in the chickens as himself. A sister also that is quite a henist. The number of eggs marketed by both brother and sister is proof positive that they know their business.

Mr. W. P. Bradley, also of Lakeville, has yards of Reds, Barred Rocks and White Wyandottes. His large boarding house giving really a home market for numbers of eggs, broilers, etc.

At Lakeville we had a real pleasant chat with our old time friend, R. W. Dufour, who breeds Buff Wyandottes, that are Buff. He advertises a few pullets in American Fancier that are sure to please, both in quality and price.

Next to receive our attention was James Ellis, also of Lakeville, a true fancier in the right sense of the word. He has birds of great merit in Cornish and White Indian Games, Buff Cochins and B. R. Game Bants. Here I saw a C. I. Game hen, five years old, that is simply a marvel in shape, size and lacing. We leave honest "Jim" regretfully, and take the train for E. B. Thompson's, and, of course, all readers of the Fancier knows at once that that means Barred Rocks. We found "his nibs" in his breeding pens carefully going over the individual merits of each specimen. We look at bars, Bars, BARS, and almost commence to wonder how anyone can breed anything else but Barred Rocks. We are shown two great Cups; Cups?—they are more like barrels, and Ed. is certainly proud of them. We finally get away to visit the yards of George Hilson, but genial George is not at home, so we take the train realizing that we have seen one of the largest specialty breeders in America.

Well, the Lenox banquet is the next event to claim our attention. Some eighty participated, President Petus presiding. Toasts, songs, speeches, etc. was the rule of the evening, and I do not believe there is a more prosperous poultry association in the State than this one at Lenox. Here we visit Pinecroft Poultry Yards and was shown the whole plant in detail, here we saw birds fortunate enough to win at Lenox, Boston and other shows, and also saw that the birds were mated to produce results. Mr. Ferguson is an enthusiast in Reds and believes that the time is not far distant when they will be the leading variety in America.

We take another look at Mr. Welsh's Barred Rocks (we also take an ad) and again express our regret that the Boston catalogue failed to credit his win-

ning first on hen—then board the train for Holyoke, Mass.

Here we find Mr. George Barnett, Jr., the ever obliging secretary of the Holyoke Poultry Association, who introduced me to a Mr. Williams, and I wish here and now to thank these two gentlemen for their kindness and courtesy. After making an appointment to meet them at their poultry meeting that evening, we take a run down to Chicopee to see the yards of Mrs. W. J. Baker, another R. I. Red enthusiast. It would be hard to find a much nicer lot of Reds than we saw here, and the numerous ribbons that they have won when they have been exhibited prove their quality. Back again to Holyoke and attend a very enthusiastic meeting of poultrymen. The principal question on tap being that old, old one, score card or comparison.

The next morning beautiful (?) snow holds forth, and continues all day. Rather disgusted we start for Worcester, and getting Mr. W. J. Wheeler on the 'phone, we find his location. We find him and his Games in grand quarters. A little thing like two foot of snow does not upset them in the least. Mr. Wheeler informs me that they have plans under way to start a large association in Worcester. Our next call takes us to the store of C. A. Ballou, with whom we have a hearty handshake and who introduces us to Mr. S. J. Carpenter, breeder of several varieties. We then had the pleasure of a thorough inspection of Mr. Ballou's stock. His Dark Brahmas are too well known for me to comment on, and his Barred Plymouth Rocks are certainly an even lot of birds and mated to produce results or I miss my guess. (Darn the snow.)

I think I gave you my visit to Judge Ballou's place in my last, so this letter will start with my visit to the yards of that old tried and true fancier, breeder and judge, H. S. Ball, of Schrewsbury, Mass. Here we see what is hard to meet with to-day, and that is, a grand yard each of Light and Dark Brahmas, Buff and Partridge Cochins, a rare thing to find in one place. Mr. Ball also breeds some fine White, Buff, and Barred Rocks, Buff Cochins and White Jap Bantams; well, we must move on—much against the wishes of Henry and his good wife. So Henry gives us a sleigh ride to the trolley, some mile and one-half away. We hike back to Worcester, then to North Grafton, to the yards of George B. Inches. Here we meet Mr. Nelson Vandell, Jr., the able manager of the yards, and here we see, I think I am safe in saying, the finest collection of Dorkings in America. Here are pens made up wholly of prize winners. I thought so much of the display that I surely will have to invest in some Dorkings in the very near future. I do not think there is a more beautiful fowl bred to-day than a fine Silver Dorking. Mr. Inches also breeds R. C. Black Minorcas and R. C. Brown Leghorns, all of grand quality, and under Mr. Vandell's care they are certainly looking their prettiest. We did not have the pleasure of meeting Mr. Inches, but Mr. Vandell certainly did the honors in Al style. Back to Worcester and away to Lancaster and saw the yards of A. C. Hawkins.

Then to C. H. Latham's where pen after pen of pullet matings are shown us in Barred Rocks. Dear old Dr. Madison is pointed out to us and the old girl is still looking fine is a

mid way of expressing it. Mr. Latham has certainly "got the goods." Our next stopping place will be Providence, R. I.

Providence Seed Co., Providence, R. I. In charge of W. I. Brown, the very efficient secretary of the Rhode Island Poultry Association.

Mr. Brown reports a great increase in sales of poultry supplies, especially incubators and brooders. This firm is too well known to need any word from me. They are certainly fortunate in having as able and efficient manager as Mr. Brown has proved himself to be, and being secretary of the R. I. Poultry Association gets him in touch with all poultrymen in this near vicinity, and the number of shipments made daily show that this firm has a reputation far beyond the city limits.

A live poultry association controlled by a live board of officers is certainly a means to encourage the breeding of better poultry and in this respect Providence has been extremely fortunate. Mr. Williams, as president, not only presides at meetings, but takes an active interest in the general advancement of the association's interests, and with Mr. Brown as secretary, and Mr. Congdon, treasurer, this society is certainly in very able hands. Mr. R. G. Davis, of "Leg Band" fame, has also taken an active part in the show proceedings.

Mr. H. G. Gardner, 70 N. Main street, Providence, R. I., general dealer in poultry supplies, poultry, etc. It is surprising the number of thoroughbred fowl he disposes of in the course of a year. Mr. Gardner certainly knows a good bird when he sees it. Eggs laid while you wait is one of the features of this establishment. Mr. Gardner swears by the Columbian Wyandottes of which he has a fine collection.

I believe I left off in Providence, R. I. After a rather strenuous day through snow, mud and sleet, was quietly eating my supper when I received a telegram from the New York office, to come to New York at once, so boarding the train at midnight I arrive in the great and only New York the next morning, and am told that I will have to stay in New York and vicinity for a while.

My first visit is to the Short Hills Poultry Yards, where we meet Mr. B. C. Fincke, proprietor, and our old friend, B. C. Thornton, manager. Benny is looking as hale and hearty as a two-year-old.

We sit down and have a good old time talk of things past, present and the future, and then take a look over plant, and find as healthy a lot of White Leghorns as we ever saw—and Game Bantams; well, any that know "Benny" Thornton knows that none but the best would suit him—but the brooder house is the feature of the establishment. They have some twelve hundred chicks, out from four weeks to as many days old, and their hardiness shows the perfect condition of their breeding pens. Selling newly hatched chicks will be one of the features.

Mr. Fincke is building poultry plants for several wealthy gentlemen, near to or in Short Hills, in fact, he seems to have started quite a spirit of enthusiasm in poultry culture. Mr. Fincke has kindly promised us a day's ride in his auto as soon as this beautiful (?) snow will permit.

The next morning we start for the Gedney Farm, White Plains, N. Y.

Right here let me say to those who wish to see an A1 poultry establishment I would advise their visiting Gedney Farm Poultry Yards. It would be hard to find a place where money expended in an intelligent way has given a nearer practical plant than here. Mr. Frank Gaylor, manager of the yards, is a past master in the building and arrangement of poultry plants, in fact, he has perfected a brooding system that is as near the ideal as can be.

Well, when we meet Mr. Gaylor we have a hearty handshake, for do you know that Mr. Gaylor gave me a helping hand years ago, and there has always been a warm spot in my heart for genial Frank. After a little, or rather few, old time reminiscences we start over the plant.

That Frank has given his best efforts in the locating and building of this great poultry plant will not be questioned when a careful visit is made there, and as some cuts of the plant will soon appear in *The Fancier* I will not go into a description of the buildings.

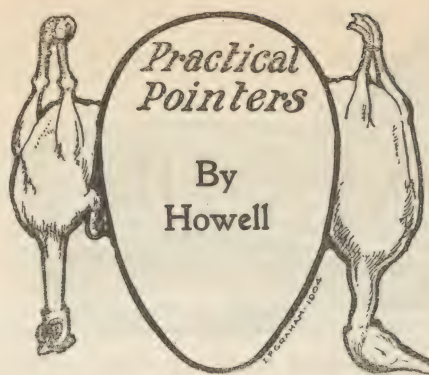
The stock is composed first of Buff Orpingtons, and that Frank let his well earned knowledge of mating come into play, is shown in his winnings at New York and Albany last winter. Frank believes there is much more honor in breeding than buying. The next or rather the other breeds on the place are Black Orpingtons, Black Minorcas, White and Columbian Wyandottes and R. I. Reds. Mr. Gaylor, in order to know something of the comparative laying qualities of the different breeds under his care, has given to each breed a pen, to be fed and taken care of alike. A daily record is kept of the production of each pen and it is the intention of Mr. Gaylor to give us the result of the experiment, and I for one will look for it. Well, all good things must come to an end, so I get ready to leave, and while shaking hands, I first notice that the grey is working in Frank's hair, to the extent that he would almost be disqualified for color of plumage.

Next we start for Brooklyn to visit Mr. E. R. Collins & Son. We will have to say that these gentlemen can raise more and better chickens than any we have met up to date, in close quarters, but the health and good looks of the flock show the care that they receive. Rose and Single Comb Black Minorcas, Buff and Black Cochins Bants, Black and Grey Jap Bants and Black Rose Combs. The Messrs Collins take great pride in their winnings at such places as Poughkeepsie, Herald Square and Madison Square.

Here again I have to leave an old friend, but like the Wandering Jew, I must ever onward.

The name of A. C. Hawkins, Lancaster, Mass., is so well known to the readers of *The American Fancier* that it is needless for me to give an introduction to his name—but will say that I visited his place some few days ago, and must say that I was impressed with his immense plant. That Mr. Hawkins is a past master in the art of breeding, raising, and exhibiting fowl, is an undisputed fact. Lack of space prevents me giving a detailed description of Mr. Hawkins' matings, but can cheerfully say that he is prepared to fill orders from as good pens as can be found anywhere.

Geo W Weed



With eggs pouring into the New York market at the rate of nearly 20,000 cases every week-day, it shows the hens in the districts which this supply is drawn to be working on full time. One often wonders where such a quantity can find consumers, yet the arteries of trade seems to absorb all offerings and constantly calls for a new supply.

There really must have been some merit in the old yellow hen of our great grandfathers' time, else how could so many meritorious breeds have sprung into existence, all claiming the old yellow hen as an ancestor.

First she has helped us make a lot of really good Buff breeds, and the public appetite having become satiated with this color, she has now come to the front with some red breeds, all popular and more than anxious to claim the old girl as a mother, but hark back some twenty or forty year. How many thousand times has grandfather been denounced for keeping his mongrels, lack of uniformity, poor laying qualities, small in size?

These are a few of the expressions used by their detractors.

But listen to the tale of these latter day exploiters: "We have made a standard for our particular brand of Reds and while they do not breed ununiform as yet (neither did grandfather's) we hope by selection (which could have been accomplished with grandfather's) to fix a uniform type. And listen, "those with feathered legs and foreign feathers will benefit the farmers." In other words, the farmers must not breed mongrels, excepting those he buys from the boomer.

There are many sides to the question of creating new types, the public can only demand consistency, it is not right to praise with one hand and condemn with the other. Some breeders obtain a great amount of enjoyment in experimenting with fowls, similar to the desire of others to produce new varieties of fruit, new berries, and new vegetables and grains. Many improvements have been recorded and great benefits have been reaped by growers; record-breaking is the order of the day in every walk in life, every poultryman dreams of owning a flock of hens that will lay three hundred eggs a year, grow chickens weighing on an average ten pounds each at six months.

Cows with prodigious milk and butter records are sought, great crops of grain and so on through the lists. These ambitions are all to be commended, but even more so are the efforts of those who stick to the old line breeds in their purity, and seeks by selection and improved methods to produce the record breakers and many more times succeeds in his object.

Some writers claim to be able to maintain twelve hens on a quart of grain or its equivalent a day. I must confess I cannot get my feeding down

to this point. The best I can do is a quart to six hens on an average and some days I will not get around under one quart to every five.

On a ration of whole grain I believe I could get over the flock at the rate of one quart to ten, but I would go away feeling that I had only half-fed them. When I get through feeding, I like to see the crop showing on every bird, not to the extreme of being gorged, but rather a fair-sized lump to show they have been dined.

To my mind, it is impossible for fowls to lay much where a depression over the crop can be noticed. Such feeding means a bare existence, with no egg-laying force behind it. I would like to see what other poultrymen consider a decent ration, and also, if they find a ration of ground feed given dry instead of a mash satisfactory, and how to feed without a loss from waste.

Backyard Fancier.

Here is the story of a flock of Orpingtons and Buff Rocks that were housed in a fairly warm pen and had the run of a good-sized backyard. The hens were eighteen in number. They were fed good wholesome grain and kept clean. The birds were fed on wheat, barley, oats and shorts, and had good clean water and plenty of grit and green food before them all of the time. Soft feed was given in the morning, at noon table scraps, and at night a mixture of the grains. The grain was usually fed in a litter. Some of the hens for exhibiting were separated from the flock, so as to receive extra feed, and be in good plumage. This lessened the egg yield to a certain extent, not to speak of some of the hens of the flock being used for mothers, a factor which decreased the egg yield in summer.

The expenses of this flock for appliances, stock and advertising was \$24.29. The cost for feed \$62.61. The total expenditure being \$86.90. The receipts were \$103.65. Eggs alone yielded \$49.40. The rest was for the sale of stock, prize money, etc. The total profit was \$15.75. The number of hens to yield this was 23 to start with, but the sale of hens and hens sitting made an average of about 18 laying hens. The eggs were very fertile, averaging about ten chicks per thirteen eggs, raising in all about 140 chickens. The number of eggs laid was 2,400.

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The following are the officers of the American Light Brahma Club, which was organized October 15, 1902: President, C. P. Nettleton, Shelton, Conn.; Vice-Presidents, Chas. I. Balch, Manchester, Conn.; Philander Williams, Tauton, Mass.; Henry T. Reed, Camp Point, Ill.; Wm. C. Parker, Berwyn, Md.; Secretary-Treasurer, John Rumbold, No. 119 W. Barre street, Baltimore, Md.; Assistant Secretary, Frank P. Johnson, Indianapolis, Ind.; Executive Committee, J. H. Drevensedt, Johnstown, Pa.; H. N. Rollins, Westboro, Mass.; Dr. J. J. Brinkerhoff, Minooka, Ill.; William Clowes, Paterson, N. J.; Harris Lehman, Midway, Ky.

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George W. Weed, our traveling representative, called at the office last week and reported a decided interest taken in the new American Fancier all along the line in lower Connecticut. He says the Shelton twins, Senator Nichols and Postmaster Holmes, were especially tickled over the situation and treated "Pusley" Weed in most hospitable fashion, and so did the many friends of that pair of genuine fanciers. The fraternity is indeed well off when it is made up of such men as David Antonio Nichols and William Holmes, of Shelton, Conn.

Mr. Weed started this week for an extended Canadian trip, and will from week to week write about the doings and sayings of our Canadian friends and fanciers. For, be it known, The American Fancier has many loyal supporters in the Dominion, such as Sir Richard Oke, Dr. O. W. Bell, William Barber and the great and only perennial kid, "Billy" McNeil, and there are others.

You never can measure a poultryman's christianity by the size of the prayer book he carries; neither is the Grand Army button always a guarantee that the wearer is all wool and a yard wide, when it comes to poultry dealings. We have found this out by experience with a number that used the pious cloak and an honorable army record to "do" those that trusted them. The game works in other lines as well as in the poultry business. And perhaps it always will be so, as the millennium, especially in the chicken business, is in no danger of arriving for thousands of years to come. The only thing to do when one of these frauds is discovered is to nail him to the mast and expose his doings.

We called on "Herr Wilhelm" Russ, usually called "Billy Russ," the other day and found that hustling supply king, of 26 Vesey street, up to his neck in business. "Never had such a season, way behind my orders, business is booming, you bet," was the way he put it. We should say it was, the two big stores and large basement were packed with customers and it seemed as if everybody wanted to be waited on at once, or sooner. The gray locks of "Willy" have turned to a silvery white, which matches that beautiful pink complexion all right enough, but deep furrows in the brow indicate the strenuous life and strain of business. The incubator and brooder business, like a flock of wild ducks, comes all at once.

Around the corner at Barclay street we found "Wizard" Dillingham flying around like an airship, directing an army of clerks and watching one wagon load after another depart with large consignments of Cypher's Incubators and Brooders. If the rush don't let up the "Wizard" will be reduced to a fence rail in size. "People are getting to be poultry crazy and I'm glad of it," spake the "Wizard." So are we.

Way up at Bound Brook, New Jersey, the Hon. Lee Star Bache sits up nights trying to figure out how he can deliver the hundreds of incubators and brooders that are ordered and have not been finished. It's a hard problem, as the Star Incubator Company have had an unusually large demand for the various products they produce, which, notwithstanding the large capacity of their factory, could not be rushed out as fast as "the only" Bache desired. "It will be different next year. We will prepare for it in good season and arrange to get labor if we have to send a thousand miles for it. This season the scarcity of labor caused many annoying delays." The latter is a fact in more than one section. Good carpenters are very scarce, although there are plenty of hammerheads that call themselves carpenters. The latter are of no earthly use in the incubator business. As Mr. Bache remarked: "We must have the best or nothing." Well, that new model Star Incubator looks as if the labor was all to the good.

We stopped at Jamesbury, N. J., and called on our old friends, C. E. Paxton and David Smith, of the Pineland Incubator Company. Things were even more strenuous there. Not a machine of certain models was in stock, and men were at it night and day finishing up late orders. The famous Pineland Brooders have had a greater sale than ever and there are hundreds to be delivered before the hatching season is over. This good old conservative concern has enjoyed a splendid trade, and why not? Every machine is carefully built, under the personal supervision of Mr. Smith, one of the greatest incubator experts in America. We have watched that boy grow up in this line for the past twenty years, and saw his first incubator at the Orange County Fair, at Newburgh, in 1886. It was crude but good then; it is refined and good now.

From what we can learn of the Cornell, C. A. Cypher's and other incubator concerns, business has been simply great this season. And yet what will it be later on? Like Topsy, "it just grewed up," in the beginning, now it is booming all along the line.

While on this subject we beg to caution our readers, when buying incubators and brooders, deal only with reliable and established concerns. The great boom in the poultry business has brought out the sharks, who build cheap machines, advertise largely, and take in the unsuspecting public even more largely. Some of these useless and trashy machines are made in the West, and a friend of ours who bought one, because it was cheap, is a very sorry individual to-day. He lost every egg put in the machine. Almost at his door was one of the best incubator factories in the United States. That was too near home, he had to get something from a distance. He got it—and good and hard. This little "Willy" will never wander from his own fireside again.

George E. Rowland, of Jersey City, who several years ago was the Cavy King of the American fancy, bids fair to be the supreme ruler in the pigeon ranks. His magnificent display of Magpies at the Madison Square Garden, last winter, is history, and glorious at that. His Fantails are in

the same class. George is the proud possessor of the Fantail Cup winner at the Crystal Palace, England, a bird that has caused much favorable comment on the other side. It did at New York where it repeated the trick of beating all comers. At Boston, however, the judge failed to arise to the occasion, the bird being so extraordinary in the fine points that make up a real Fan, that the wearer of the ermine propagated a case of mental abbreviation. Fantails are hard to judge, especially a class of real top-notchers, so it is not easy to blame a judge who is not entirely familiar with the "real goods" when he fails to place the awards where they should go. In talking this matter over with our friend Rowland, the latter remarked: "There is no doubt in my mind that the judge was thorough honest in his opinion and withal a nice gentleman, but he is not up on Fantails, and it would be useless for me to show crack birds under him in the future." It is rather a difficult matter to choose between a judge who is thoroughly competent but a little weak in backbone and inclined to favor the chosen few—as is the case in many instances at dog and horse shows—and the strong-minded judge who is not up to his business. Men of Mr. Rowlands stamp are genuine fanciers, who spare no expense to procure and breed the best, and such men are entitled to a run for their money. To give such fanciers their just dues, secretaries of our large shows are in duty bound to provide the best experts in the country. It is nonsense to say that a competent and honest judge cannot be secured. There may be but a few, but that chosen few should be enlisted at all big shows. It is the only way to bring the fancy up to a high ideal, and the poultry and pigeon shows up to a standard where absolute confidence exists among exhibitors.

What is wanted, especially in the pigeon fancy, is writers who have knowledge, experience, and sufficient nerve to say what they think. A little good old vigorous English, albeit clean and healthy in tone, will do much toward elevating existing conditions. The American Fancier will shortly start a regular pigeon department under the supervision of a most careful and expert fancier. We believe such a department conducted on the lines indicated above will prove a winner.

The Westchester County Poultry, Pigeon and Pet Stock Association has just been organized by prominent fanciers in and about White Plains, N. Y. The officers are: President, Howard Willets; Vice-Presidents, W. W. Casswell, C. W. Leavitt, Samuel Untermyer, Benoric Platt, F. W. Glover; Executive Committee, Frank W. Gaylor, Dr. M. S. Sherwood, Theo. Baker, Jr., Claude D. Edgeton, Oscar W. Upson; Secretary-Treasurer Fred Harries, Elmford, N. Y.

Frank W. Gaylor, the veteran fancier and poultry manager of Gedney Farm, writes us in connection with the above society as follows: "Last fall at the White Plains Fair there was every evidence of the need of concerted action upon the part of someone to try and improve the exhibit of poultry at our fair. As a result a few of the exhibitors got together on Thursday of the fair week and

ganized the above association. We shall make no attempt to hold a winter show until we get a bit older than we are now. Our first and main object will be to get control of the poultry exhibit on the White Plains Fair Grounds, revise the premium list, and make it more of a fanciers' show than it has been in the past. It seems to me that the location here is one of the best that could be desired for a first-class fall show and it only lacks the right material to make it such." The material is there and a very fine article at that. There is no reason why the White Plains show should not be the best fall exhibition in the State. The splendid record made by Poughkeepsie is largely due to the efforts of T. C. Van Wyck, backed up by the liberality of the officers of the Dutchess County Agricultural Society. Frank Gaylor, the perennial youth, is just the man to superintend such a show at White Plains and we hope to see him there next fall in that capacity, shaking hands with his friends, who are legion.

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A. C. Hawkins has come back to The American Fancier and is now a regular advertiser same as he was in years gone by. Mr. Hawkins was one of the first to build up a large poultry ranch and for many years enjoyed the distinction of having the greatest plant devoted to standardbred poultry in the United States. He has shipped birds to all parts of the globe, his sales aggregating many thousands of dollars each year. There is no keener and better judge of his specialties, Barred Rocks and White Wyandottes than the veteran breeder of Lancaster, Mass. He has forgotten more than some of the youthful claimants for everything in sight ever knew. Mr. Hawkins is well posted on other varieties and it is a pity that he is not selected to judge at shows of importance more frequently. It is just such men that are needed as judges, men of experience and ability, not theoretical growths of knowledge minus experience.

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The next show at Cleveland, Ohio, will be held the week of January 28th, 1907. Fred E. Pile is president of the Cleveland Fanciers' Club Company, and that means business from end to end. Further announcements will be made later.

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We have just received word that Dr. Bell, of Toronto, Canada, has been appointed manager of the Industrial Fair at Winnipeg, Manitoba. When his name came before the Industrial Exhibition Board as an applicant for the position of general manager, he was selected from the three that applied by a unanimous vote. This is a high honor and deserved tribute to a gentleman who has made the poultry and dog shows of the great Toronto National Exposition famous. Dr. Bell is without a peer in this line of work. Cool, firm, methodical, but courteous to all, he makes an ideal manager. And how he can make the judges skiddoo; ask Grandpa Butterfield or George H. Burgott about that. That pair of B's were twenty minutes late once in reporting for their judges' cards. That six-foot frame of the doctor's made George Pan Burgott a bit scared, and when those eyes of the tall gentleman from Toronto fell on the latter it was all to the woods for Georgie and he worked like a

nailer to finish his job on time. Of course Bismark Butterfield had to make one of his Foxy Quiller speeches, which was cut short, however, by the doctor, who said: "Talk don't judge birds, its Butterfield that does that," and the old veteran started off like a gray pacer with a 2:02 mark. That's the kind of a man Dr. Bell is. A few of his kind at some of our big shows on this side of the border would do no harm; on the contrary, a great amount of good. Ask George, of Lawton's.

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We were greatly disappointed one morning last week. A very nicely done up package was lying on our desk. It was a little jewelry box. On opening the lid—for the lid is on in New York—we found some cotton, just what fine jewelry is encased in. But there were no diamond earrings or scarf pins, only a little wee egg the size of a small marble and just as round. The genius who sprung that April fool joke was the tall sycamore of Rochester Heights, Raymond Joker Ruliffson, of Black Cochon Bantam fame. He kindly writes a letter, which was carefully mailed a bit later than the box, and says: "I am sending in separate package an egg which was laid to-day by one of my Blacks, and it is certainly the limit for size. If the shell were only a little harder I might make considerable money selling mibs to the school children. Have you any idea of the cause of the freak?" No, the question, like the egg, is too small to answer your or anybody else's purpose. Come Ray, feed your Bantams at least occasionally and give them a show for their alley. Probably the next freak to reach us will be a jumbo egg with several others inside. A triple egg was recently laid in England and it was said to be a marvel of duck workmanship.

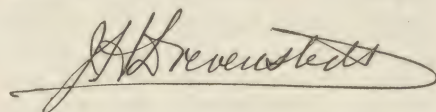
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The story of the famous \$750 dollar Buff Rock hen at Boston, which was telegraphed all over the country last January is beginning to take on amusing features. Mr. Charles, of White's Class Advertising Co., the New York representative of the latter, and a very clever one at that, sends us a clipping from the Chicago Tribune, of March 25th, which contains an illustration of a Barred Plymouth cock with the following notice: "Hen that sold for \$750. This hen, winner of the Lawson Silver Cup at a Boston poultry show, was sold for \$750. It is a Buff Plymouth Rock." That is about as near right as some newspapers get things when it comes to chickens. Now listen to this from Bro. Charles: "You will notice that this rooster-hen sold for 750, more or less. We understand you are the purchaser. Our Mr. Dietz says he did not know that you were breeding Buff Plymouth Rocks with bars on. The writer was afraid that the air over in Jersey would be too much for a loyal New Yorker like yourself." Thanks, Mr. Charles, but you are visibly off in your deductions, and it is up to us to correct several erroneous impressions regarding this hen-rooster, etc. We did not live in Jersey when we bought the bird, but way up in little good old Johnstown and merely happened to pay a visit to the Hub and see the show. In the second place it was no hen at all, but the first prize Buff Plymouth Rock Cock. In the third place we did not pay \$750 for him. We claimed him at the catalogue price. This should set

everything straight and satisfy you and Mr. Dietz that New York air did not affect our judgment. That's all.

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Our friends will notice that in this issue of the Fancier we have an advertisement of the Peapack Farm, Peapack, N. J. This farm is owned by two well known fanciers, T. Farrar Rackham and Fred Huyler, and anyone who has seen their birds can readily appreciate the high quality of their stock. The American Fancier can recommend them to any of its friends, since they are fanciers of the highest standing, and their stock is on the same plan. We have personally seen their birds at different exhibitions throughout the country, and we have no hesitancy in recommending them to anyone who wants high-class White Plymouth Rocks.



COOK SWIPES THE ORPINGTON STANDARD.

Under the caption "The Limit," Theodore Hewes, editor of the Inland Poultry Journal, prints the following well deserved criticism:

"In the March issue of the Orpington Poultry Journal appears an exact duplicate of the Buff Orpington standard as accepted by the American Poultry Association and printed in the illustrated Standard that is now for sale by that association.

"The only excuse the editor offers is contained in the following paragraph: 'We print in this month's issue a copy of the standard of Buff Orpingtons from the American illustrated Standard. This will save some of the expense of buying this just to see the Buff Orpington standard.' From the above it is plain to see where a little thing may lead to and I had this in mind when I wrote my editorial several months ago under the head 'Hands Off.' It seems to me that the publishers have gone far enough transcribing the American Poultry Association copyright, and there should be some way of bringing them up with a short term. What action will be taken we are not prepared to say, but unless something is done it will not be necessary to print an extra edition, as the poultry press at 50 cents per will furnish all the information that the breeders require. We do not believe the Orpington breeders, as a class, favor this sort of piracy; if they do then we are very much mistaken in the quality of the men and women who represent this popular breed. We feel it is the duty of the Orpington breeders themselves to protest against this infringement, and we believe they will do so when their attention is called to it."

The contents of the American Standard of Perfection are copyrighted and no publishers has a right to abstract even a part of the book, no matter how small, without permission from the Association. The exception to the rule is only where it becomes necessary for an editor to quote a section in order to set aright some inquirer who may be twisted in his interpretation of aforesaid section. The action of our English friend in New Jersey, Mr. Cook, is not creditable, in fact, it is a big surprise to us. He should be made to pay the penalty. We, as Mr. Hewes states, do not believe the Orpington breeders would sanction such petty business. We might call it a harsher name, but what's the use? The deed is done and there is no use crying over spilt milk. Let the Executive Committee take the matter in hand and put it up to the gentleman of Scotch Plains good and hard.

Old plaster is an excellent article for your hens to pick at. This don't license you to knock down your parlor ceiling, however, just to be obliging to the hens.

Organization Needed.

There seems to be an innate susceptibility in every human nature to the charms of some particular form of life or beauty. In the delicately sensitive natures it may develop into a passion for art, music, or nature study. In others it takes the form of a love for a flower, a bird or a beast. We belong, brother fanciers, to a peculiar sect among the multitude of hobby worshippers. A scarcely recognized division. An infant struggling for recognition.

Our growth has been comparatively slow. Note, for instance, the rapid development of fancy pigeon interests, especially in our Western shows, the display of pigeons far outclasses the Bantam alley. It behoves the Bantam fancier to study the reasons for this apparent lack of interest on the part of the public. Is it that our hobby is less an art than pigeon breeding? I cannot believe that. We have a wide variation of form and color. Ours too is a study of artificialities. We have as striking examples of manipulated nature without the consequent incapacity and utter helplessness of our pets. We have practical utility.

No, it's not that we have tied to a hobby undeserving of extensive appreciation, but we must follow the examples of our friends the pigeon fanciers and exhibit in force of numbers and variety. We must eliminate commercialism and fraud and make our competitions clean and fair.

We need thorough organization and perfect harmony among ourselves and then with a helping hand from every individual of the fraternity in the way of liberal entries at shows we can gain the recognition from the public that the beauty and the utility of our pets deserve. It is to the interest of every loyal fancier to add his mite to the extension and perpetuation of his chosen hobby. There is real worth and unlimited pleasure in it. Do your best to interest outsiders and our own pleasures will increase accordingly.

FRED. Y. PARFREY.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT.

The American Fancier wishes to announce that Mr. H. M. Pockman, the noted pigeon judge and breeder, will take control of the Pigeon Department, on and after the Special Easter Number, April 14th. This Department will include two or more pages every week, especially devoted to pigeons, both exhibition and breeding. The Editor will appreciate any articles pertaining to this variety of the fancy mailed to him personally, at No. 26 Cortlandt street, New York City, care of The American Fancier.

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS AND ADVERTISERS.

Owing to the increasing circulation of The American Fancier, together with a corresponding demand upon our advertising columns, correspondents and advertisers are notified that all communications should reach the office of The American Fancier, Havemeyer Building, No. 26 Cortlandt Street, New York City, before 4:30 o'clock, P. M., on Monday of each week, in order to secure insertion in the current issue of the paper.

There is plenty of cash in the land waiting to be paid over to the successful ones in poultrydom. It is only the shiftless biped who don't succeed that cries, "There ain't any money in the chicken business!"

BROWN'S BUDGET

What is it everyone has to give away and no one wants to receive?—Advice. If we put advice in information clothes it generally suits better.

Information that has a basis of practical experience is generally of considerable value, but where it is desired to press it on freely from a theoretical standpoint doubtful results may be looked for.

It is now in the height of the breeding season. Do not forget that some male birds are so gallant they will stand and call up the ladies of their harem at feed time and themselves not get enough food. Such specimens must be fed later on alone to secure best results in the breeding yard.

The man who buys some fine pure bred fowls and then gives them the lack of care he has been giving a lot of mongrels, shouldn't expect any better results from his new investment. Neglect counts its penalties whether the fowls are of high or low degree.

The Southern States may now be said to be producing all the varieties of pure bred fowls, and of a quality fully equal to those of any of the states. The poultry shows in the South are also becoming conspicuous in numbers and are well managed. The poultry industry is more rapidly increasing every day in all sections. Poultry products are one of the pure foods that cannot be adulterated. The demand for poultry products increases as fast as the business expands. The American hen is a money bringer to all classes high and low.

Make arrangements this spring, if you haven't got plenty of good grass for chicken pasture, to sow some seed that will produce the proper kind of greens. Alfalfa is splendid, if your soil will grow it. It will not grow in soil that is deficient in nitrogen. You can buy seed that is inoculated that will grow, and can also buy the powder—or get it from the Agricultural Department at Washington, D.C., if supply is not exhausted, free—that will enable you to prepare the seed so they will grow. Rape is another fine green for chickens. It will bear cutting off and will grow again.

It is wiser and cheaper to doctor the causes, than the ailments of poultry. There are so many causes that are known to surely produce certain ills, and ills that are known to be serious. Yet we find many doctoring fowls and letting the causes still exist. Why do they do it?

Some of next winter's winners at the big shows commence their chicken career in March. So far the month has been very unpropitious chicken weather, and the ground-hog (wood-chuck) prophecy of bad weather for

six weeks seems to be correct. It has required strict attention to counteract the elements that the chirpers have endured.

Some people seem to conclude that it is wrong to talk about utility in connection with pure bred poultry, actually go so far as to intimate that is disloyalty to the score card. Such a theory is mere nonsense. The wonderful commercial importance of poultry to-day is mainly due to the pure breeds. The poultry that sell the highest and that is more in demand is the pure breeds. What is classed as the highest in quality is the pure bred specimen. Mongrels or cross bred specimens cannot be produced that will equal them. A package of pure bred fowls dressed for market are uniform in size, weight, color and shape. These are great selling factors as this very appearance is inviting. With the common scrubs, mongrels, etc., there is a greatly contrasting condition in all these things that at once stamp them as "seconds" with commission men.

Don't bother about utility, eh? Why does the fancier lay so much stress then on the fact that his hens have made trap nest records? Why does the Standard require a weight specification for both cocks and fowls in the show room when they are to be judged? Does the farmer ever have his cockerels of his flocks of cross breeds reach the same weight at the same age as those raised by fanciers? It is the pure bred poultry as bred by so-called fanciers that has put so much utility on the breeds. Beauty and utility should be a combination inseparable with the great majority of breeds.

I am glad to see "Drev." is going to raise Creve-Coeurs. Years ago the writer bred them; imported eggs from the best French breeders. They proved to be splendid layers of large eggs, and as table fowls were unsurpassed. They have an unusually plump, deep-meated breast, which cooks juicy and tender. The percentage of offal from a dressed specimen is less than any breed we know of. The Creve-Coeur is a breed that should be very popular, and would soon be if its good qualities were well known.

It is a good thing to note when certain men take up a breed. It means that the breed will be pushed to the limit of perfection. Some years ago the writer had the pleasure of awarding a fine gold watch at a Rochester show for the best collection of Black Minorcas. The winning specimens were marvelously uniform in general excellence. I wondered who bred them; was told it was Dr. Andrus—then I didn't wonder. Now the Doctor is devoting some attention to Columbians, so this new breed has an intelligent ardent friend.

Understand the Columbian Wyandotte Club is rapidly growing. The breed is certainly a comer, and at the big shows next winter there is going to be some classes of Columbians that will open the eyes of visitors—for they will be out in numbers and with plenty of high class show quality, too.

GEO. O. BROWN.

Parkville, Md.

LAYS HAM AND EGGS.

(New York Tribune, March 13.)

G. Nicholson, of No. 150 Broadway, in commenting on the report of hens laying eggs with handles, published in yesterday's Tribune, said:

"The article in to-day's Tribune regarding the man in Newtown, N. J., who had succeeded in producing eggs with handles, convenient for eating, etc., is extremely interesting, and while it is very wonderful, it is right in line with other discoveries being made by scientific men, notably Professor Burbank in vegetable, and Professor Loeb in animal, life. And right here in this city a professor of chemistry in Columbia College, who is a friend of the writer and whose modesty prevents his allowing his name to be published until later on, has for some time been experimenting with fowls, somewhat on the line, however, of hypnotism, as is done on human beings by Professor Quackenbush. Every farmer's boy knows that hens are very susceptible to hypnotic influences, and it is quite common for boys in the country to hold a hen firmly in their hands and looking cross-eyed at it the fowl will soon begin to look cross-eyed and go about for days in that condition.

The first experiment made by the Columbia professor was in feeding to hens pepper and salt mixed and hanging before the hens salt and pepper boxes, so that they could be plainly seen, and in a few days the eggs produced were all seasoned ready for use. Going still further in the matter, he fed the hen on comminuted ham, and the next day the hen produced an egg which, on being cooked, could not be distinguished from the ordinary ham and eggs as served in restaurants, except that it was all together, like a pancake, and it then occurred to him that possibly by applying the direct rays of the sun to the hen it might produce a cooked egg, and after experimenting by putting the hen in a glass box and exposing it to the sun the hen produced a cooked egg, and although these things may seem remarkable to the unscientific mind, the professor went still further, and reasoned out that hens could as well produce two eggs per day as one. He therefore fed the hen on sulphur and lime, and also contrived a box with a spring bottom, so that when the first egg was laid it was dropped to a cushion below, and then the hen, as usual, turning around to see the egg which she had laid, and it not being visible, in less than an hour produced another complete egg, but it is only fair to say that it was of the common variety, and not quite as large as usual, but the professor thinks within a reasonable time he will produce an educated hen that will lay cooked eggs with ham, or other material, and all ready for use.

"We may say that arrangements are being made to patent the process, and that a company will be formed which would seem to have great possibilities."



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LITITZ, PA.

The third annual exhibition of the Lancaster County Poultry and Pigeon Association, held at Lititz, Pa., was again an unqualified success. Over 1,200 birds were shown by ninety exhibitors. All premiums were promptly paid and a nice amount added to the treasury surplus. While this was only the third attempt the Lititz Show already claims the proud distinction of being the leading exhibition in the Keystone State. This success is all the more remarkable when it is remembered that Lititz is a borough of only about 3,000 population. The success is mainly due to the hustling efforts of Secretary J. W. Bruckout and Treasurer D. G. Witmeyer.

The poultry judges were Charles T. Cornman, of Carlisle, and F. G. Bean, of Collegeville; the judge on pigeons was W. J. Stanton, of New York City.

Barred Plymouth Rocks—Cock 1, hen 1, ckl 1, pullet 2 William B. Wissler; cock 2, hen 2, pullet 3 F. S. Weidman; cock 3 Red Hill Farm; cock 4, hen 4, ckl 4 Miss Nora Connel; hen 3 Hiram E. Reedy; ckl 3, 5, pullet 5 Frank McGrann; ckl 2 Nessinger & Hess; pullet 1, 4 D. C. Caltreider.

White Plymouth Rocks—Cock 1, hen 4, ckl 2, pen 2 Bruckart; cock 2, hen 2, pen 1 J. L. Purple; cock 3, hen 5 W. F. Finney; cock 4, hen 1, ckl 3, pullet 1, 2 J. D. Koons; cock 5, pen 4, 4 Chas. E. Smith; ckl 1 Springer Bros.; ckl 4 E. Garber; ckl 5, pullet 4, pen 3 Red Hill Farm; pullet 3 D. C. Bayler; pullet 5 D. C. Caltreider.

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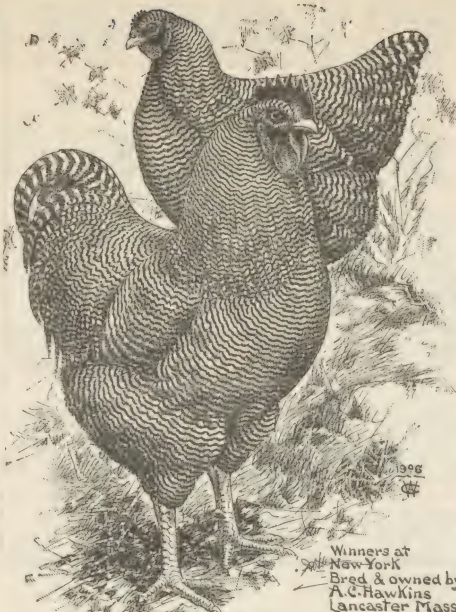
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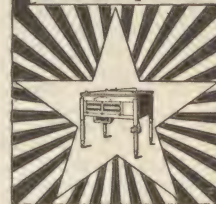
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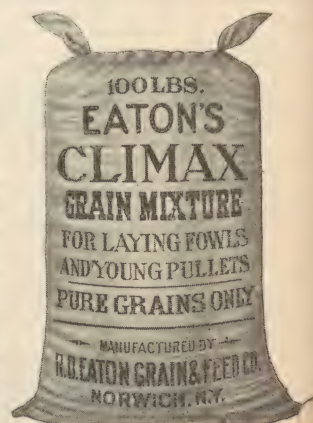
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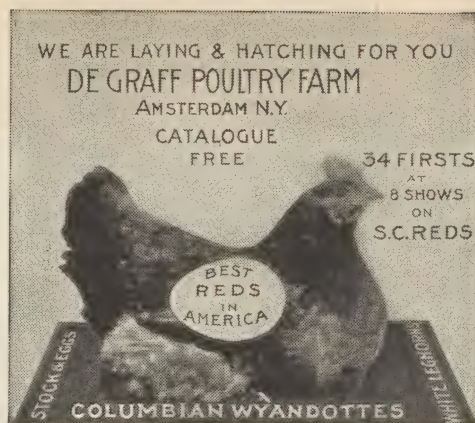
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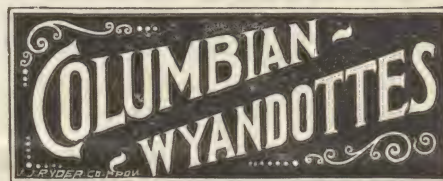
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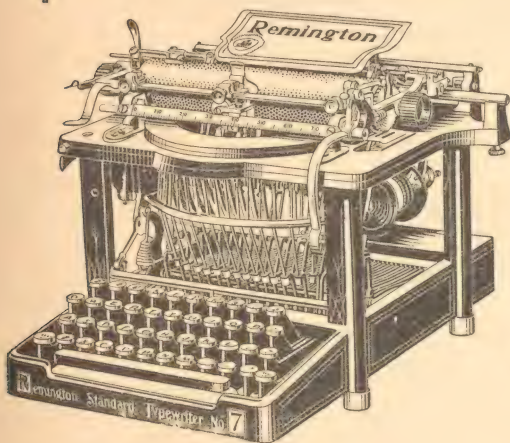
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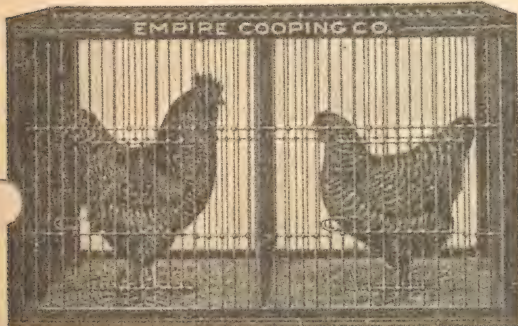
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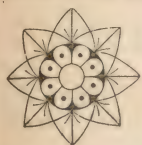
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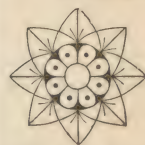
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JUDGING

BY EDWIN H. MORRIS, SPARKHILL, N. Y.



Poise.

The score-card versus comparison judging has been thoroughly thrashed, yet D. D. Haines, speaking in your issue of March 3d, in relation to my report of the World's Fair Classes, gets some kind of consolation from the fact that it was a comparison report. The critic is compelled to adopt the comparison method for self-evident reasons, yet if worthy of the task he does not disregard the fact that the judge has had an advantage of searching for defects—of scoring or whatever he likes to call it.

In weighing points of excellence against defects, many grave errors are made, and points of vital importance to the breed are frequently left out of consideration, thus undoing what it has taken breeders years to accomplish.

For instance, the Sebright Bantam male, without poise or style, is hardly a thing of beauty, though laced to perfection in all sections. Where is the score card that gives a scale for this? Games and other varieties, in fact, all varieties, need a provision for such, because it is the first point that impresses, and in the Bantam division it is particularly important. The kitchen maid dressed in her mistresses finest gowns does not pass for a lady. If the symmetry is there, the air of dignity of breeding and refinement, giving poise, is almost sure to be absent.

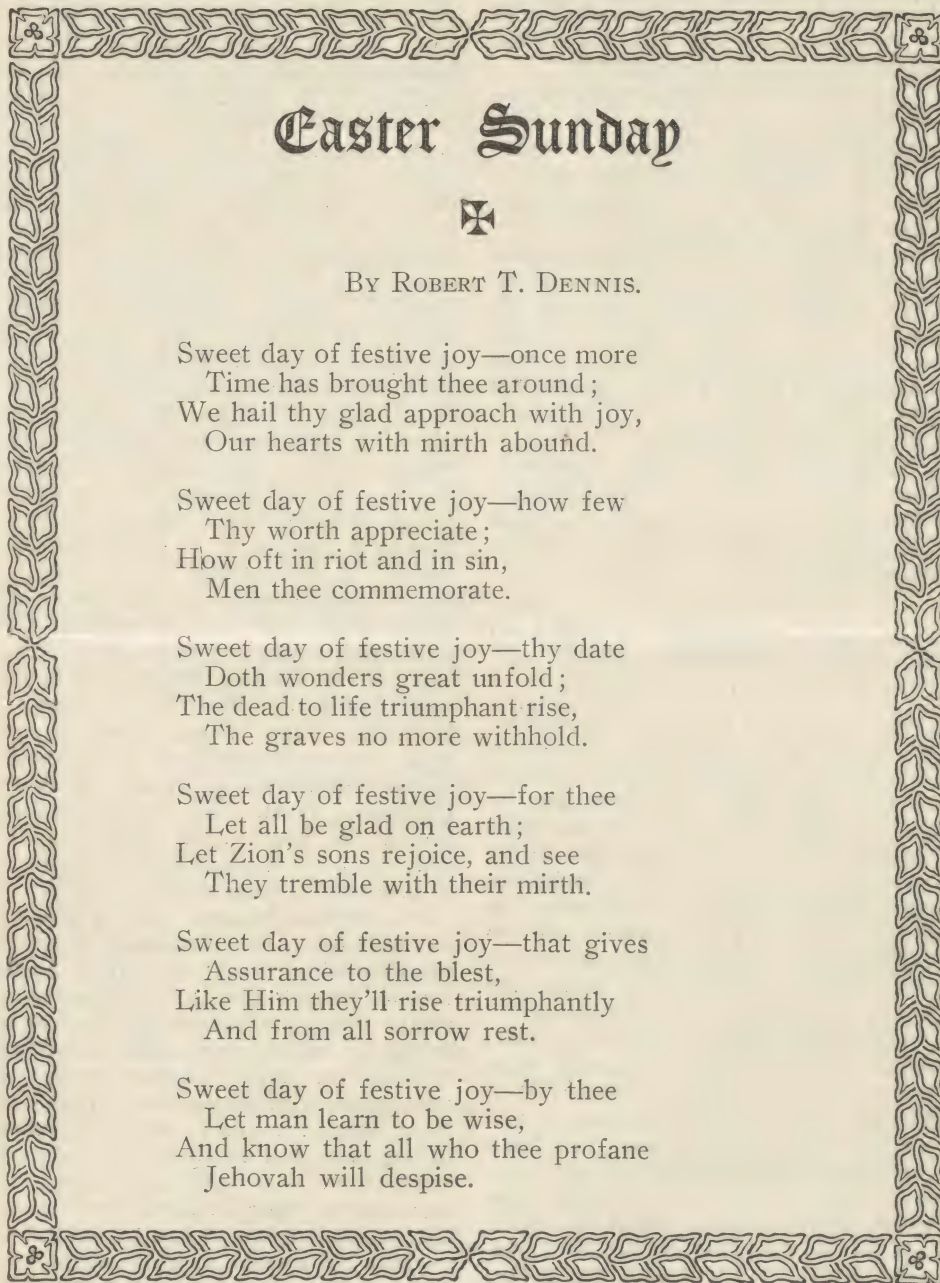
It is still true that "it takes three generations to make a gentleman," in spite of the fact that the possession of wealth, the putting on of airs, and arrogant carriage, sometimes pass for the true thing.

Poise is not only important in the show cage, it denotes in the male a positive masculine element, indicating potency to some degree, and it may be

hasized by conditioning. In the female it may not approach the combative tendency, but it gives an air of dignity and finish. A male, his sex will treat somewhat as they do a female, or a female exhibiting male characteristics, should if the score card had full sway, have penalties. There are positive and negative tendencies in all live stock, and eventually the synthetical must rule.

Therefore the honest comparison judge, with mental capacity, and that intuition which the schools cannot teach, stands head and shoulders above the score card judge.

The former is the artist, instantly recognized as such by those who know, and often a mystery to the uninitiated. The latter makes primitive pictures for the infant class, sometimes gaining admiration. Both have a sphere, yet



Easter Sunday



BY ROBERT T. DENNIS.

Sweet day of festive joy—once more
Time has brought thee around;
We hail thy glad approach with joy,
Our hearts with mirth abound.

Sweet day of festive joy—how few
Thy worth appreciate;
How oft in riot and in sin,
Men thee commemorate.

Sweet day of festive joy—thy date
Doth wonders great unfold;
The dead to life triumphant rise,
The graves no more withhold.

Sweet day of festive joy—for thee
Let all be glad on earth;
Let Zion's sons rejoice, and see
They tremble with their mirth.

Sweet day of festive joy—that gives
Assurance to the blest,
Like Him they'll rise triumphantly
And from all sorrow rest.

Sweet day of festive joy—by thee
Let man learn to be wise,
And know that all who thee profane
Jehovah will despise.

if in this great country, poultry breeding, in any section, has in spite of primitive methods, got beyond the infant industry classification, give us the artist—the judge, who received the eye and faculty from ancestry at birth, just as the birds get poise and other characteristics, such as type and character, from generations of their like, and do not acquire it.

The slob, with the arrogant carriage, is ridiculous.

The other thing, having what is called poise, is sublime.

There is but one step between these two extremes.

Whether the positive and negative tendencies in poultry, have an influence on the sex of progeny (as in the Leghorn family) and possibly on

type and character, may be left for the present. The tout-ensemble and poise of a bird undoubtedly fills the eye of the most capable judge creating a synthetical impression, when beauty of plumage fails. This is right, because though fine feathers add much to the making of fine birds, sometimes soaps, washing powders, and even dyes contribute, and age will show its effects. The effects of age though are too often valued as much as those of heredity, when one is transmitted, and the other may not be.

Fanciers.

We have arrived at a period when American breeders are to test the advancement made by competition with the best of England's experts, yet many of the best judges in

America are so through experience, working on rule, with ability of the acquired nature, while others are a law unto themselves, and the younger element is chiefly, a trained corps, with some knowledge and experience, but lacking in the essentials. Without the eye and mentality to grasp the important points of type, character, poise, etc., it is a case of the blind leading the blind, and shows to some extent fail in their purpose, the awards stand for less than they should, and there is a constant see-sawing which cannot be spelled progress.

It is so with the critics who seem to be afraid to offend judges, editors, exhibitors, or somebody, instead of acting as guides to breeders and the uninitiated, and as a check on the carelessness, lack of ability, or other more serious failings or tendencies, on the part of the judges, or show giving clubs.

It is infinitely better for the general welfare and progress, that the budding judge with some fatal detriment, should not be allowed to blossom forth, for he that is high feels the fall, and when it is yet time matriculation may be taken, or where necessity is apparent, a more suitable course can be adopted, better calculated to insure usefulness and success. The experienced sometimes need bringing down to earth.

It is also a duty of the poultry press to aspire to something higher than padding advertisements with twaddle, or counteracting the influence of show honors by printing only the wins of those who advertise. If he who has the most money, or the most audacity, is to gain prominence, when he who does the real work of the fraternity, in producing birds nearest to the standard, is debarred from the full benefit of hard earned and merited honor, how can progress be insured. "Honors where honors are due" must stand as the keystone to advancement.

When we aspire to honors across the pond, the ethical significance of this will be clear.

It will and should be the fancier and against the fancier, not dollars against pounds.

The aim should be to develop the fanciers instincts, to foster and encourage, rather than with brazen affrontry, place dollars as a barrier to the full play of the law of the survival of the fittest.

The stability of character, the love of home, of those of Northern Europe, may be distinctly traced to the devotion to hobbies, which insures the instincts of the fancier, the development of live stock, and it is these qualities which contribute so much to the mak-

ing of desirable citizens, therefore, "the links which bind" should be of sterling metal. The almighty dollar often serves a base purpose, the instincts of the rowdy, ne'er-do-well running wild element generally prove disastrous, needing the other element to give poise to the national character.

By insuring such by exhibitors and all the influences at command, the fraternity becomes something more than purveyors of a commodity.

Type.

Type is an ensemble of traits in the individual. In the family it is an ensemble of the most often repeated traits, or the most important ones.

Isidorns G. Saint-Hilaire said, "the type of a species never appears before our eyes, but is perceived only by the mind." Goethe terms it "the abstract and general image," and Gratiolet says it is a "synthetic impression."

The various clubs devoted to particular breeds arrange elaborate standards, with scales of points, in order to give this image or impression. The American Poultry Association circulates such, with the artist's idea, gained not so much from the printed matter, as from the exemplars. The exemplifications taken from life from specimens gaining honors under judges of experience, should stand for as much, as the standards, provided they are taken when the birds are as they were judged, and the artist is capable of getting the poise and character, and does not draw on his imagination for type.

Type is a word that even the most experienced judges and exhibitors do not fully understand, or properly apply. The term has been used indiscriminately to the confusion of the novice, and oft times to cover the deficiencies of the judge, sometimes referring to outline, poise, character and even color, and the enquiring beginner too frequently gets type alone for consolation and guidance at the shows, and when he tries to find out what it all means, in the poultry paper's criticisms of the awards afterwards, it is still type, and this time quite black.

Clubs cannot fully advance the breeds, in the broad sense of the term, without due attention to the correct exemplification of type.

Until the idea of type is carried so far that a specimen becomes a standard example, in the general estimation of experts, no synthesis will be reached.

This is an age when analysis and synthesis should impress all who have to decide such matters. The time of the superficial judge and critic of live stock has passed, and if this country really intends to take the place of England in supplying all creation with typical specimens, New York must not be contradicted at Boston, and Chicago must not have a still different type.

Fanciers have been accused of spoiling everything they have touched, by producing montrosities.

The Japanese supply an admirable instance of this, unlike the English—who are justly renowned as breeders—who never approached them in the production of unnatural things—montrosities, either in birds, fish, dogs or plants.

It is only by the use of common sense, and with it the maintaining of a proper conception of type, that such extreme can be avoided.

The terse American phrases of "don't be a clam," "don't be a lobster," indicate that some common sense is

still in stock, but "don't be a Jap," can be applied to some fanciers.

At present there is one type for Barred and another for White Plymouth Rocks, and very little to indicate type in some other branches of the family, leading to the question whether a qualification for admission to the standard, should not be something more than at present.

It is so in Wyandottes. Birds with Cochin type can win if of one color, and another resembling a Leghorn can score in some other branch of the family.

In Houdans, where some play is given to imagination, a Polish Crest, like a damp mop, Creve shanks, and on outline character and poise not of the breed, has become accepted, and a Frenchman would not know his favorite breed in this country.

Experience and integrity should be characteristics of judges, yet these alone will not take the place of other qualities absolutely necessary to prevent the ruination of highly meritorious branches of the species, to prevent shows being looked upon by those in the commercial branch, as something outside and apart from the industry, and causing farmers at the country fair shows to hold aloof, considering it a game wherein one crank meets another crank, in a contest requiring special education.

These latter are minor considerations that should not be overlooked, in conserving the major point of giving due weight to the ensemble of traits called type.

HEN SET THROUGH FIRE AND WATER.

(New York World, April 9.)

The hen which withstood the flames, smoke and water during the Trull Hospital fire in Biddeford, Maine, and sat on her nest until the excitement of that eventful day was over, has been rewarded for her faithfulness by hatching one chick. In the same fire the surgeons finished an operation, in which a life was at stake, while the building was burning over them and firemen were working to keep the flames back until they finished.

That the surgeons were not without rivals in heroism was discovered after the fire was out and the cellar full of water. The firemen, wading in the hospital basement, found a box floating upon the "bounding billows," and in it Biddy and the thirteen eggs, upon which she had been placed the week before. She had remained as steadfastly at her post as had the life-savers on the floor above. No setting hen ever showed greater determination to perpetuate her race than this bidy when the firemen tried to pull her off her floating nest.

The eggs had been chilled in the almost ice-cold water which had soaked up through the straw nest, and there was slight hope of any hatching. But a hen that would set through fire and water, the hospital folk declared, should not be a martyr to the practicability of a cruel world, so the box was put up high and filled with new dry straw and Biddy was left to do what she could with the wet eggs.

The hospital people speculated two weeks ago on the outcome. "If they hatch the chicks will have web feet," declared the chicken fancier who owned the hen. He missed his guess, for the one resulting chick is perfectly formed—a little black ball of fuzz—and its legs are not icicles.

AUBURN WINS.

The vote on place of meeting closed on April 2, 1906, with the result as given below.

For New York City—Grant M. Curtis, Charles H. Welles, M. F. Delano, Aug. D. Arnold, Wm. McNeil, H. V. Crawford, W. R. Wooden, D. Lincoln Orr, George W. Mitchell, J. B. Thomas, Jr., Frank Heck, F. B. White, W. S. Russell, T. A. Hefner, W. A. Doolittle, Frank Gaylor, George O. Brown, Philander Williams, Henry S. Ball, C. M. Bryant, Wm. F. Whiting, Lester Tompkins, George Purdue, A. L. Sparks, E. B. Thompson, Dr. A. H. Phelps, W. F. Brace, J. H. Drevenstedt, George H. Burgott, W. C. Denny, E. G. Wyckoff, T. F. McGrew, F. C. Shepherd, Richard Oke, E. A. Weimer, Charles T. Cornnan, Daniel Henry Hales, D. A. Holzhauser, Henry Hales, D. A. Nichols, F. L. Sewell, Dr. N. B. Aldrich, Thomas F. Rigg.

For Auburn, N. Y.—George D. Holden, Eugene Sites, Theo. Hewes, John C. Grothers, F. H. Shellabarger, F. J. Marshall, J. Y. Bickness, Dr. Benjamin McInnes, George G. Bates, T. E. Orr, Charles McClave, Dr. F. D. Kendall, Charles R. Harker, Henry Berran, Mrs. O. H. Burbridge, J. C. Williams, John K. Ottley, O. L. McCord, J. C. Pratt, Daniel Robertson, H. H. Fike, F. L. Kimmey, Ben. S. Myers, S. B. Lane, U. R. Fishel, W. C. Pierce, Wesley Lanius, Sid Conger, M. F. Norris, George E. Lindsay, Frank W. McKensie, James Tucker, George S. Barnes, E. W. Rankin, E. H. Smith, E. S. Person, C. L. Smith, Henry Steinmesch, B. E. Johnson, W. W. Henderson, C. A. Morton, Dr. J. C. Andrus, C. C. DePuy, F. B. Zimmer, C. E. Howell, Henry Trafford, Prof. James E. Rice, E. H. Knapp, F. E. Pile, Julius Frank, Theo. Campbell, Charles C. Reid, G. R. Haswell, Sharp Butterfield, A. P. Groves, J. P. Hildorfer, F. H. Cook, W. H. Mason, Dr. S. T. Lea, J. N. Crow, E. G. Roberts, J. B. Garvin, D. T. Heimlich, J. C. Fishel, George Ewald.

Ft. Wayne, Indiana, had presented an invitation and received quite a complimentary vote; but that Association, finding that a large majority of the executive committee favored a location farther east, and knowing that its vote might cause a delay by preventing a majority vote for either New York or Auburn, withdrew from the contest and notified its promised supporters to change their votes to one or the other of these two cities. The following named gentlemen failed to take advantage of this notice, so their votes stand recorded for Ft. Wayne: W. H. Bushell, R. H. Peck.

Refrained From Voting—James P. Kerr, Jesse B. Riggs, C. H. Latham, John Smith, A. F. Pierce, C. A. Cyphers, Ira C. Kellar, A. F. Cooper, Wm. E. Bright, Dr. E. A. Kegley.

Summary of the Votes—For Auburn, 65; for New York City, 43; for Ft. Wayne, 2; not voting, 10; total membership of Executive Committee, 120. Therefore, in accordance with the above, we announce that the thirty-first annual meeting of the American Poultry Association will convene at Auburn, New York, during the week of January 7, 12, 1907, definite time and place to be announced later.

GEORGE D. HOLDEN,
President.

T. E. ORR,
Secretary-Treasurer.

April 3, 1906.
Committee to Revise Constitution

and Form Outlying Districts—At the Cincinnati meeting a committee of fourteen was appointed for the above purpose, to take as a basis of operations the changes suggested by Mr. Baerman in advance of the Cincinnati meeting. This committee is composed as follows: F. L. Kimmey, Morgan Park, Ill., chairman; Grant M. Curtis, Buffalo, N. Y.; H. B. Donovan, Toronto, Canada; J. H. Shedd, Knoxville, Tenn.; H. V. Crawford, Montclair, N. J.; Theodore Hewes, Indianapolis, Ind.; Lester Tompkins, Concord, Mass.; T. E. Orr, Beaver, Pa., secretary; George D. Holden, Owatonna, Minn.; Henry Berran, San Jose, Cal.; W. F. Whiting, Holyoke, Mass.; D. Lincoln Orr, Orr's Mills, N. Y.; Thomas F. Rigg, Iowa Falls, Iowa; F. D. Baerman, Dune

N. J. The secretary is directed by the chairman to call this committee to meet at Detroit, Michigan, at a place of which each will be notified later, on Tuesday morning, Aug. 6, 1906. Each member is requested to bring with him, ready for consideration, all suggestions and requests that he or members from his section may have to offer, so that the work may proceed promptly toward definite and profitable results.

T. E. ORR,
Sec'y-Treas., A. P. A.,
Beaver, Pa.

SCHILLING'S STORY.

Editor American Fancier:

Recently there appeared in the columns of your editorials a notice of the sale of the entire stud of Buff Cochin Bantams, owned by A. & B. Schilling, to F. A. Radford. Since that time Mr. Radford has been advertising Schilling's Buff Cochin Bantams as ALL purchased by himself, including Boston, New York and Hagerstown winners. In justice to the parties who really own most of these winners advertised by Mr. Radford, I take this means of making known the facts of the sale and the actual owners of the winners advertised by Mr. Radford.

I have written Mr. Radford several times regarding this matter, but he has failed to reply, and I believe it is high time such misrepresentations as this advertisement are stopped and the real facts exposed. Mr. Radford purchased thirty-three Cochin Bantams from this stock, and included in these were just two winners, viz.: Second Boston pullet, and first Hagerstown and Syracuse cockerel, of 1906. The balance of the Boston winners were retained, together with other winners, including the \$100 Champion Challenge Cup winner, of 1905, at Boston. These birds are now owned by Mr. Prager and myself and will be added to the already strong stud of Blacks and Buffs owned by Mr. Prager, of Norwood Park, Ill. As to New York winners, Mr. R. never secured a single one in this flock, and he had a thorough understanding of the facts. Therefore, I believe it is in order for Mr. Radford to give us an explanation of the origin of his dream, for I have failed to secure this by correspondence. Rock Hill Poultry Farm purchased six birds from this stock and paid more for these than Mr. R. paid for his lot. In this purchase were included birds that won at Hagerstown and New York.

It would also be in order for Mr. Radford to give us his excuse for advertising New York and Hagerstown winners, as well as the Boston winners of 1906.

A. O. SCHILLING.

AWARDS AT CINCINNATI SHOW.

Light Brahmas—Cock 1 College Hill Poultry Farm; 2 C. N. Purdy, 3 Elkhorn Poultry Yards; hen 1, 4 Mrs. Ed. Klever & Son, 2, 5 Purdy, 3 Elkhorn Poultry Farm; ckl 1, 3, 4 Mrs. Klever & Son, 2 College Hill Poultry Farm, 5 Wm. L. Sticke; pullet 1, 3 Mrs. Klever & Son, 2 Purdy, 4 Elkhorn Poultry Yards, 5 Jas. Holt, Jr.; pen 1 Mrs. Klever & Son.

Dark Brahmas—Cock 1 A. F. Orr; hen 1 J. R. Ross & Son, 2 A. F. Orr, 3 Buff Cochins—Hen 1 S. Berger, 2 J. R. Ross & Son; ckl 1 F. C. Wright, 2 Herman Buck, 3, 4 Berger; pullet 1 Buck, 2 Wright.

Barred Plymouth Rocks—Cock 1, 3 C. E. Spauld, 2 Cloverbloom Poultry Yards, 4 K. S. Poultry Yards, 5 Mrs. A. S. Sparks; hen 1, 3 Spauld, 2 Oscar Miles, 4 Fosnaught Bros., 5 Cloverbloom Poultry Yards; ckl 1 Arthur B. Probst, 2 Fosnaught Bros., 3 Spauld, 4, 5 Frank Johnson; pullet 3 Miles; pen 1 Cloverbloom, 2 Miles, 3, 4 Arthur Sheets, 5 W. W. Zike.

White Plymouth Rocks—Cock 1 U. R. Fishel; hen 1 Fishel, 2 J. F. Defandorf, 3, 4 John M. Weist, 5 J. D. Yocum & Sons; ckl 1 Fishel, 4, 5 Defandorf; pullet 5 Fishel; 3 A. C. Clippinger, 4 Defandorf; pens 1, 2, 4, 5 Fishel, 3 Clippinger.

Buff Plymouth Rocks—Cock 1, 2 E. C. Allison, 3 Mrs. L. M. Jacobs, 4 Chas. Dodd; hen 1 Julius Frank & Son, 2, 3 Allison, 4 Dodd, 5 R. H. Robson; ckl 1, 3 Allison, 2 John F. Brose, 4 J. Theuner, 5 J. R. Ross & Son; pullet 1, 4 Allison, 2 Robson, 3 Brose, 5 W. H. Works; pen 1 Allison, 2 J. Frank & Son.

Silver Wyandottes—Cock 1 F. D. Blair, 2, 4 John S. Orr, 3 Hartman Stock, 5 Jas. Winglewiche; hen 1 Blair, 2 C. W. Drake, 3, 4 Henry Steinmesch, 5 Winglewiche; ckl 1 Orr, 2 Eugene Sites, 3 Drake, 4 Winglewiche, 5 Blair; pullet 1, 4 Steinmesch, 2, 3 Blair, 5 Drake; pen 1 Granville Tullis, 2 Steinmesch, 3 Winglewiche.

Golden Wyandottes—Cock 1, 5 George Weil, 2, 4 Ira C. Keller, 5 W. M. Spaulding, 3 J. H. McDaniel; hen 1 Spaulding, 2, 5 McDaniel, 3, 4 Keller; ckl 1, 2 Keller, 3 Spaulding, 4 McDaniel, 5 Weil; pullet 1 McDaniel, 2 Weil, 3, 4 Keller, 5 Dillon & Bell; pen 1, 2 Keller, 3 Spaulding, 4 Weil, 5 Dillon & Bell.

White Wyandottes—Cock 1 Z. V. Fletcher & Son, 2 S. M. Johnson & Co., 3 S. B. Schmied, 4 J. C. Fishel & Son, 5 Keller; hen 1 Fishel & Sons, 2 H. W. Oelschlager, 3, 4 Mrs. D. Dougherty, 5 College Hill Farm; ckl 1 J. Fishel & Sons, 2 Schmied, 3 Oelschlager, 4 Sleet, 5 College Hill Farm; pullet 1 O. R. Bohache, 2 S. M. Johnson & Co., 3 Sleet, 4 Mrs. Dougherty, 5 Fishel & Son; pen 1 Bohache, 2 Oelschlager, 3 Fishel & Son, 4 Mrs. Dougherty, 5 Sleet.

Buff Wyandottes—Cock 1 Wm. K. Lewis, 2 S. B. Lane, 3 Paul Thiersch, 4 Chas. Wolf; ckl 1 J. W. Loughry, 2 Lane, 3 Sites, 4 F. W. Hiett, 5 Lewis; pullet 1 Lane, 2 Loughry, 3 Lewis, 4 Wolf, 5 Thiersch; pen 1 Lewis.

Silver Penciled Wyandottes—Cock 1 Eugene Sites, 2 H. D. Conrad; hen 1 Conrad, 2 Sites; ckl 1 Sites, 2 Conrad; pullet 1 Sites.

Partridge Wyandottes—Cock 1 Carver & Avey, 2 H. D. Conrad, 3, 5 Hartman Stock Farm, 4 Eugene Sites; hen 1 Conrad, 2, 4 Carver & Avey, 3, 5 Hartman Stock Farm; ckl 1, 2 Carver & Avey, 3 Conrad, 4, 5 Hartman Stock Farm; pullet 1 Sites, 2, 3 Carver & Avey, 4, 5 Hartman Stock Farm; pen 1 Carver & Avey, 2 Hartman Stock Farm.

Columbian Wyandottes—Cock 1, hen 1, ckl 1 Theo. Hewes; pullet 1 Eugene Sites, 2, 3, 4, 5 Hewes; pen 1 Mrs. S. T. Campbell.

Black Langshans—Cock 1, 2 J. W. Moore, 3 J. R. Ross & Son, 4 C. M. Hartman, 5 Luery Curtis; hen 1, 2 Hartman, 3 Curtis, 4 Moore, 5 J. N. Barker & Son; ckl 1, 2 Moore, 3 Barker & Son, 4 Robt. L. Hight; pullet 1, 2 Moore, 3 Robt. L. Hight, 4 Barker & Son.

S. C. Buff Orpingtons—Cock 1 O. A. Bogardus, 2 Wm. H. Schadt, 3 H. A. DeMaud, 4, 5 H. T. Mullen; hen 1, 2 Maud, 3, 5 Luther A. Stream, 4 Bogardus; ckl 1 Mullen, 2 Bogardus, 3 F. W. Buchanan, 4 A. Wilhelm, 5 Stream; pullet 1 Schadt, 2 Stream, 3, 4, 5 Bogardus; pen 1 Bogardus, 2 Wilhelm.

S. C. Black Orpingtons—Cock 1 Bogardus; hen 1, 2, 5 Bogardus, 3, 4 H. A. DeMaud; ckl 1, 2, 3 Bogardus, 4 DeMaud; pullet 1, 2, 3 Bogardus; pen 1 Bogardus, 2 DeMaud.

S. C. White Orpingtons—Cock 1, hen 1 H. A. DeMaud.

A. O. V. Orpingtons—Ckl 1, 2; pullet 1, 2 Mrs. Sallie McDaniel.

Black Javas—Hen 1 J. R. Ross & Son. Blue Andalusians—Cock 2, hen 2, ckl 1, pullet 1 all to Thomas F. Best.

S. C. White Leghorns—Cock 1, 2 College Hill Poultry Farm, 3 P. W. Semier; hen 1, 2 College Hill Poultry Farm, 3 W. A. Drott, 4, 5 Joseph W. Stevens; ckl 1 Semier, 2 H. A. Richter, 3 D. M. Allen, 4 J. R. Graham, 5 College Hill Poultry Farm; pullet 1 Ben Mueller, 2 College Hill Poultry Farm, 3 Jas. Stephens, 4, 5 Semier; pen 1 College Hill Poultry Farm, 2 Schmied, 3 C. M. Aiken, 4 J. F. Meyer, 5 Drott.

S. C. Brown Leghorns—Cock 2 Fred H. Cook, 3 Geo. M. Hutzelman, 4 J. E. Gault, 5 J. R. Hill; hen 1 Cook, 2 Hill, 3 Geo. Ewald, Jr., 4 Gus Sieker, 5 Gault; ckl 1 Mrs. C. T. Samuel, 2 G. W. Stout,

3 Cook, Jr., 4 Hill, 5 Gault; pullet 1 Cook, 2, 3 Michaels, 4 Mrs. Samuels, 5 J. R. Ross; pen 1 Cook, 2 Gault, 3 Michaels, 4 Hill, 5 Stout.

S. C. Buff Leghorns—Cock 1 College Hill Poultry Farm, 2 F. W. Buchanan; hen 1 A. W. Richter, 2, 3 Buchanan, 4 College Hill Farm, 5 Charles Dodswordh; ckl 1 College Hill Farm, 2 Joseph Holt, Sr., 3, 4 Richter, 5 James W. Graves; pullet 1 College Hill Farm, 2 Buchanan, 3, 4 Richter, 5 Joseph Holt, Sr.; pen 1 Richter, 2 College Hill Poultry Farm, 3 Dodswordh, 4 Buchanan.

Black Leghorns—Hen 1 J. R. Ross & Son.

R. C. White Leghorns—Cock 1 J. B. McKenzie, 1 A. E. Foster, 2 C. W. Ross; hen 1, 5 George Leberman, 2, 3 H. E. Seidel, 4 A. E. Foster; ckl 1 Foster, 2 Ross, 3 Seidel; pullet 1 Leberman, 2 Ross, 3 Foster.

S. C. Black Minorcas—Cock 1 Ed. Helser, 2, 3 J. P. Hildorfer; hen 1 Schaeuble & Jacobs, 2, 5 Helser, 3, 4 Hildorfer; ckl 1, 4 Hildorfer, 2 Schaeuble & Jacobs, 3 J. P. Roberts, 5 Howard Meyers; pullet 1, 2, 3 Schaeuble & Jacobs, 4 W. C. Moat, 5 F. E. Wilson; pen 1, 2 M. Hildorfer.

Silver Polish Bearded—2, 3 J. R. Ross & Son.

Golden Spangled Hamburgs—All classes, 1 Julius Frank & Son.

Silver Spangled Hamburgs—Cock 1 Julius Frank & Son, 2 Edw. Davidson; hen 1 J. Frank & Son, 2 Ed. Davidson, 3 J. R. Ross & Son; ckl 1 Frank & Son, 2 Davidson, 3 Ross; pullet 1 Frank & Son, 2 Davidson, 3 Ross & Son.

Golden Penciled Hamburgs—All classes, Julius Frank & Son, first.

Silver Penciled Hamburgs—All classes, Julius Frank & Son, first.

Black Hamburgs—Cock 1, hen 1, ckl 1 Julius Frank & Son, 2 James McKirdy; pullet 1 Frank & Son, 2, 3 McKirdy.

S. C. Rhode Island Reds—Cock 1 C. N. Hausen, 2 Philip, 3, 4 Lester Tompkins, 5 D. P. Shove; hen 1, 2, 3 Tompkins, 4 Hausen, 5 Ed. A. Ward; ckl 1, 3, 4 Tompkins, 2 Shove, 5 Hausen; pullet 1, 2, 3 Tompkins, 4 Shove, 5 Geo. B. Clark.

R. C. Rhode Island Reds—Cock 1 Phil. Caswell, 2 A. W. Davis, 3, 4 House Rock Poultry Farm, 5 L. Tompkins; hen 1, 5 Tompkins, 2 Robt. C. Tuttle, 3, 4 F. D. Baerman; ckl 1, 4, 5 Tompkins, 3 Baerman, 2 Caswell; pullet 1, 2 Caswell, 3 Baerman, 4, 5 Tompkins.

Houdans—Cock 1, 2, 3, hen 1, 2, 3, ckl 1, 2, 3, pullet 1, 2, 3 all to Frank McKenzie.

Japan Silkies—All classes, Ira C. Keller, first.

Cornish Indian Games—Hen 1, 3 Ed. C. Cline, 2 J. B. Ross & Son, 4 H. D. Gath, 5 Leroy Weaver; ckl 1 Kline, 2 Gath, 3 J. R. Ross & Son, 4 G. R. White, 5 Weaver; pullet 1 J. R. Ross & Son, 2, 3 White, 4 Weaver.

Black Breasted Red Games—Hen 1, 2, 3, ckl 1, pullet 1 all to Theo. Newhaus.

Silver Duckwing Games—Ckl 1, 2, pullet 1 Richard Weitzel.

O. O. V. Games—Ckl 1 Oliver Tarrant.

Buckeyes—Ckl 1 Nettie Metcalf, 2 R. P. Searle.

Black Breasted Red Game Bantams—Ckl 1 F. C. Wright, 2 L. W. Simpson; pullet 1 Wright.

Birchen Game Bantams—Cock 1, hen 1 all to Frank C. Sites.

White Game Bantams—Cock 1, hen 1, pullet 1 E. W. Simpson.

Buff Cochins Bantams—Cock 1, 3 Marie M. Hildorfer, 2 W. W. Zike; ckl 1, 2 M. Hildorfer, 3 Zike; pullet 1 Zike, 2, 3 M. Hildorfer.

Black Cochins Bantams—Cock 1, hen 2, ckl 1, pullet 1 W. W. Zike.

Golden Sebright Bantams—Cock 1 Ira C. Keller; hen 1 J. Frank & Son, 2 Ira C. Keller; ckl 1 Ira C. Keller.

Silver Sebright Bantams—Cock 1, hen 1, pullet 1 all to Ira C. Keller.

Rose Comb White Bantams—Male 1, female 1 J. Frank & Son.

Japanese Black Tail Bantams—Cock 1 Julius Frank & Son.

Bearded White Polish Bantams—Male 1, female 1 Julius Frank & Son.

Light Brahma Bantams—Male 1, female 1 Julius Frank & Son.

Bronze Turkeys—Hen 1, 3, 4, 5 Mrs. U. R. Fishel, 2 George Brown; ckl 1 A. F. Orr, 2, 3, 5 Mrs. Fishel, 4 George Brown; pullet 1 A. F. Orr, remaining prizes Mrs. Fishel.

White Turkeys—Cock 1, hen 1, ckl 1 C. N. Purdy, 2 Geo. C. Goode; pullet 1 Purdy, 2 Goode.

Bourbon Red Turkeys—Ckl 1 Mrs. Minnie Brown.

Toulouse Geese—Pair 1 Edw. Davidson, 2 F. W. Hiett.

Emden Geese—Pair 1 Geo. Mitchell.

Pekin Ducks—Pair 1 F. C. Sites, 2 Shurts Bros.; (1905) 1 F. W. Hiett, 2, 3 Sites, 4, 5 Shurts Bros.

Rouen Ducks—Pair 2 F. W. Hiett.

AWARDS AT THE MCKEAN COUNTY SHOW.

Anconas—Cock 1, hen 1, 2, ckl 1, pullet 1 all to W. C. Hunter.

Andalusians—Hen 1, 2, 3 G. W. Stevenson; ckl 1 Chas. Stuart, 2 Stevenson; pullet 1, 2, 3, 4 Chas. Stuart; pen 1 Stuart.

Light Brahmas—Cock 1 Daniel Carr; hen 1 Roedell & Daniels; ckl 1 A. Rice; pullet 1 A. Rice, 2, 4 Roedell & Daniels, 3 Carr; pen 1 Roedell & Daniels.

Dark Brahmas—Hen 1, 2, ckl 1, pullet 2, pen 1 Roedell & Daniels.

Partridge Cochins—Hen 1, ckl 1, pullet 1, 2 Roedell & Daniels; pen 1 Roedell & Daniels, 2 Forest Huff.

Pit Games—Hen 1 A. R. Simons, ckl 1 John Blake, 2 Simons; pullet 1 Blake, 2, 3 Gordon.

Red Pyle Tassels—Ckl 1, pullet 1; Blue Tassel Commodore, A. R. Simons.

Black Breasted Red Games—Cock 1 Ose Higgins; ckl 1, 2, pullet 1, 2, 3 S. E. Williams.

Blue Pyle Games—Hen 1 S. E. Williams.

Silver Spangled Hamburgs—Ckl 1 Merton Stocking, 2 Morian Poultry Farm; pullet 1 Stocking, 2, 3 Morian Poultry Farm; pen 1 Morian Poultry Farm.

Hindus—Ckl 1, pullet 1, 2 C. H. Drew.

Houdans—Hen 1, ckl 1 Walter Bowen.

Indian Games—Hen 1 W. A. Warrier; ckl 1, pullet 1 H. H. Harp.

Black Leghorns—Cock 1, 2, 3, hen 1, 2, 3, ckl 1, 2, 3, pullet 1, 2, 3, pen 1, 2 all to H. H. Harp.

White Langshans—Ckl 1, pullet 1 Geo. A. Rice.

Black Leghorns—Ckl 1, pullet 1, pen 1 Chas. Schwab.

S. C. Brown Leghorns—Cock 1 B. C. Davis, 2 P. E. Croneweth; hen 1 C. H. Keniston, 2 P. J. Reilly; ckl 1 Alexander Bros., 2, 3 Keniston; pullet 1, 2 Alexander Bros.; pen 1 Alexander Bros., 2 Reilly.

R. C. Brown Leghorns—Ckl 1 Alexander Bros., 2 B. C. Davis; pullet 1, 2, 3, pen 1 B. C. Davis.

R. C. White Leghorns—Ckl 1, 2, 3, pullet 1, 2, 3, pen 1 Fred L. Seager.

R. C. Buff Leghorns—Hen 1, 2 Henry O'Hara; ckl 1 R. L. Wetenhall, 2 O'Hara; pullet 1 O'Hara, 2, 3 Wetenhall; pen 1 Wetenhall.

S. C. Buff Leghorns—Cock 1 Chas. N. Story, 2 Morian Poultry Farm; hen 1 Julius Hamlin, 2 A. C. Frankensfield, 3 Morian Poultry Farm; ckl 1, 4 Story, 2 G. E. Beatty, 3 Hamlin; pullet 1 Beatty, 2 C. H. Kennedy, 3, 4 Hamlin; pen 1 Beatty, 2 Story, 3 Hamlin.

S. C. White Leghorns—Cock 1 H. A. Shipe, 2 H. L. Watts, 3 McElheney Poultry Farm; hen 1 P. A. Parkhurst, 2 Rufus Brogden, 3 Wm. Gray; ckl 1 Hainesworth & Rawnsley, 2 McElheney Poultry Farm, 3 B. C. Davis; pullet 1 Watts, 2 McElheney Poultry Farm, 3 J. J. Houghton; pen 1 Davis, 2 Watts, 3 McElheney Poultry Farm.

Black Minorcas—Cock 1, 2 Mitchell & Cadduck, 3 C. H. Kennedy; hen 1, 2 Geo. B. DaBolt, 3 Mitchell & Cadduck; ckl 1 DaBolt, 2, 3 Mitchell & Cadduck; pullet 1, 3 Mitchell & Cadduck, 2, 4 H. H. Harp.

Buff Orpingtons—Cock 1, 3 W. L. Armstrong; hen 1, 4 Morian Poultry Farm, 2, 3 Armstrong; ckl 1 Morian Poultry Farm, 3, 4 Armstrong, 2 J. T. Bradford; pullet 2, 3 Armstrong; pen 1 Morian Poultry Farm.

Barred Rocks—Cock 1 Geo. L. Werle, 2 Carl Lane, 3 F. C. French; hen 1, 2, 3, ckl 1, 2 Lane, 3 Werle; pullet 1, 2, 3, pen 1 Werle, pen 2, 3 Lane.

Buff Rocks—Cock 1 E. L. Grove, 3 Wm. Rodel; hen 1 Rodel, 2 Chas. Story; ckl 1, 2 Grove, 3 Story; pullet 1 Rodell, 2 Grove, 3 Story; pen 1 Grove, 2 Story, 3 Rodel.

White Rocks—Cock 1 Waite & Sons, 2, 3 H. H. Harp; hen 1 Waite & Sons, 2 M. L. Armstrong & Co., 3 Harp; ckl 2 L. F. Vansorsdal, 3 E. D. Perrigo; pullet 1 M. L. Armstrong & Co., 2, 3 Perrigo, 4 J. W. Johnson; pen 1 Vansorsdale, 2 Waite & Sons, 3 Hainesworth & Rawnsley.

White Crested Black Polish—Ckl 1 F. R. Wurst, 2 J. W. Johnson, 3 Chas. Schwab, 4 Geo. E. Beatty; pullet 1, 2, 3, 4 Wurst; pen 1 Wurst.

S. C. Rhode Island Reds—Cock 1 Geo. F. Guy, 2 David S. Jnoes; ckl 1 McElheney Poultry Farm, 3 Guy; pullet 1, 2 Jnoes, 3 McElheney.

R. C. Rhode Island Reds—Ckl 1, 3, 4 W. A. Warner, 2 Geo. Fobes; pullet 1, 2, 3, 4 Fobes.

W. F. Black Spanish—Ckl 1, pullet 1 W. M. Rowley.

Columbian Wyandottes—Hen 1 R. M. Wheeler, 2 J. M. Zuendell; ckl 1 Zuendell, 3 Wheeler; pullet 1, 2 Wheeler, 3 Zuendell.

Buff Wyandottes—Hen 1, 2, ckl 1, pullet 1 B. J. Hewitt.

Golden Wyandottes—Cock 1 Chas. Stewart, 2 J. F. Scholz; hen 1 Stewart; ckl 1, 2 Scholz, 3 Stewart.

Silver Penciled Wyandottes—Hen 2 Alexander Bros.; ckl 1, 2 J. C. Groat; pullet 1, 2 Groat.

Silver Penciled Wyandottes—Ckl 1, pullet 1, 2, 3, pen 1 Alexander Bros.

White Wyandottes—Cock 1 F. L. Reib, 3 Geo. Lilly; hen 1 Reib, 2 W. H. Hawkes, 3 Lilly; ckl 3 W. J. Jones; pullet 1, 3 Geo. Mohr, 2 Reib, 3 Mohr.

Partridge Wyandottes—Cock 1 C. E. Groat, 2 Wheedon & Veeder; hen 1, 3 Wheedon & Veeder, 2 Forest Huff; ckl 1 Huff, 2 G. W. Bauer, 3 Wheedon & Veeder; pullet 1 Bauer, 2, 3 Groat, 4 Wheedon & Veeder; pen 1 Huff.

Buff Cochins Bantams—Hen 1 F. C. French; ckl 1, pullet 1 E. Leda Kennedy.

Golden Sebright Bantams—Cock 1, hen 1, ckl 1, pullet 1 S. N. Wheaton.

Silver Duckwing Bantams—Cock 1, 2 Frank Shultz.

Pekin Ducks—Drake 1 W. C. Maxwell, 2 Melvin Dairy Farm; duck 1, 2 Maxwell, 3 Melvin Dairy Farm.

Bronze Turkeys—Cock 1, hen 1, 2, ckl 1 Melvin Dairy Farm.

NEW YORK CITY MARKETS.

EGGS—Receipts for week, 82,571 cases. The upward tendency of the market continued Saturday, and under good demand, all grades advanced 1c per dozen.

Nearby, f. g., selected, white, fcy..... @ 22
Good to choice..... 19 1/2 @ 21
Extra mixed..... @ 19 1/2
Firsts..... 18 1/2 @ 19

Western, fresh gathered firsts, closely graded.... @ 18 1/2
Fresh gathered, seconds.... @ 18
Fresh gathered, thirds.... 17 @ 17 1/2
Kentucky firsts, selected... @ 18 1/2
Seconds..... @ 18

Tenn. and other southern firsts, selected..... @ 18
Southern seconds..... @ 17 1/2
Southern thirds..... 15 1/2 @ 16

Western dirties, No. 1.... @ 17
No. 2..... @ 16
Checked eggs..... @ 15 1/2
Duck eggs, Baltimore..... @ 34

Western..... 28 @ 30
Southern..... 24 @ 28
Goose eggs..... 70 @ 75

DRESSED POULTRY—Receipts for the week, 10,817 packages.

DRY-PACKED.

Turkeys—Average lots.... 16 @ 18
Old toms, selected (culs out)..... 17 @ 18

Chickens, broilers—4 lbs per pair and under—Philadelphia, dry-picked, fcy..... 30 @ 35
Dry-picked, average run N Y & Pa, dry-picked, fcy..... @ 25

Dry-picked, average run Chickens, roasting—8 lbs per pair and over—Philadelphia, dry-picked, fcy..... 18 @ 19

Dry-picked, average run N Y & Pa, dry-picked, fcy..... @ 15
Dry-picked, average run Western, milk-fed, dry-p, fcy..... 16 @ 17

Milk-fed, scalded, fcy.... 14 @ 16
Dry-picked, average run Dry-picked, poor to medium..... 10 @ 11
Scalded, average run.... 12 @ 13

Fowls—Philadelphia, dry-picked fancy..... @ 14
Dry-picked, average run Western, dry-picked, selected boxes..... @ 14 1/2

Dry-picked, selected bbls Dry-picked, average run Scalded, selected, boxes.... @ 14
Scalded, average run.... @ 13

Other Poultry—Old cocks, dry-picked... @ 10
Scalded..... @ 10
Ducklings, Virginia, per lb 20 @ 22

Squabs, prime white: 8 lbs to doz, per doz... @ 3 50
7 lbs to doz, per doz... @ 2 50
6 1/2 lbs to doz, per doz..... 1 75 @ 2 00

Mixed, per doz..... 1 50 @ 1 75
Dark, per doz..... @ 1 50
Culls, per doz..... 50 @ 75

FROZEN POULTRY.

Turkeys, hen, No. 1.... @ 20
Toms, No. 1..... 19 @ 20
No. 2..... 14 @ 16
Old toms, No. 1..... 18 @ 18 1/2

Capons, western..... 18 @ 20
Broilers, milk-fed, dry-picked, 4 lbs and under to pair..... 21 @ 22
der to pair, No. 1..... 18 @ 19

to pair, No. 1..... 16 @ 17
Roasting chickens, milk-fed, dry-picked, fancy.... 16 @ 17
Soft meat, fancy..... 15 @ 16

Average, No. 1..... 12 @ 14
No. 2..... 8 @ 10
Fowls, No. 1..... 13 @ 13 1/2
No. 2..... 8 @ 10

Ducks, No. 1..... 14 @ 15
No. 2..... 12 @ 13
Geese, No. 1..... 12 @ 13
No. 2..... 8 @ 10

LIVE POULTRY—Receipts for the week, 86 cars by freight and six cars by express.

Fowls, per lb..... @ 14
Roosters, young..... @ 12
Roosters, old, per lb..... @ 10
Turkeys, per lb..... 16 @ 18

Ducks, western, average, per pair..... 75 @ 85
Southern, per pair..... 60 @ 70
Geese, western, average, per pair..... 1 50 @ 1 75

Southern, average, per pair..... 1 25 @ 1 37
Live pigeons, per pair.... 30 @ 35

Our Washington Representative.

We have appointed Harry H. Collier, Tacoma, Washington, as our agent for the State of Washington, for both advertising and subscriptions. Harry H. Collier is one of the best known fanciers in that far Northwestern state. He was formerly publisher of

Spring Work Among The Poultry

One of the first things which the housewife thinks of during the first warm days is house cleaning, and this is indeed an essential to the inmates of the poultry house. Be it ever so well kept during the winter, with warm days there is needed a renovation.

Remove all droppings from perches and droppings board. If the floor is of earth, scrape up with the hoe all superfluous litter and other material. If it is warm and sunny enough that it will dry in a day, spray thoroughly with kerosene emulsion or strong suds made from carbolic soap; but if there is danger of the house not getting dry before night with doors and windows open wide, better postpone the liquid application until later, for a damp hen house will check the laying propensities of the best hen, to say nothing of the danger of contracting roup. In the latter case dust thoroughly with insect powder, and if the house is tightly closed for a few hours and sulphur or brimstone burned, the mites will be pretty nearly finished.

To do this safely have ready an old kettle placed near the middle of the open space. Fill partly full of live coals. Hold your breath while placing the sulphur, and then retreat without taking a breath. Close the door tight and let the sulphur fumes do their deadly work. Air the building thoroughly before time for the chickens to go to roost.

Never allow a bit of fertilizer to go to waste. As much as can be taken up on the hoe at once worked into each hill of cabbage will several times repay the extra labor. Poultry droppings worked into the onion bed will produce excellent results; and if tomatoes are slow about ripening this will bring them on in fine shape. The cucumber patch will also thrive by an application; but being such a condensed fertilizer, care must be taken to have it thoroughly mingled with the soil lest bad results follow. With this precaution I have never found any danger in using it freely. Plum and other fruit trees may likewise be benefited by an application. In fact, those who omit this by-product in summing up the proceeds of the poultry yard do a great injustice to the fowls.

The question of fertility is one which is liable to cause some unjust criticism especially with the owner of the new incubator. Ten per cent. of infertile eggs seems a great deal more than the two or three eggs which the old hen refuses to hatch, simply because things are on such a large scale. Besides, the fault may not be entirely with the eggs. The novice is always in a hurry to get the machine started, and sometimes fills it before fully understanding its control. A few extra degrees of heat or a corresponding reduction in temperature for any length of time can scarcely fail to impair the vitality of the germ. In fact it is more sensitive during the first than the second week of incubation. If it is destroyed on the start the beginner thinks the eggs were defective. Be sure the fault

does not lie at your door instead of with the one of whom you bought your eggs.

Of course there is much in the breeding stock. The hen will hatch eggs that the incubator will not—that is, if she is a first class hen. As for the medium one, the machine will hold her level; and the unruly hen which we all find occasionally is not at all to be compared with a good machine for reliability. But to return to the subject of good stock: The breeding birds should be the best of the flock, not culled left after selling the best of the flock because they would command a better price. Infuse new blood every year, and let it be good blood. Farm raised poultry, with wide range, is surer than the fancy birds kept in close quarters. Winter eggs are less reliable for hatching than those of early spring. If the fowls have been kept on a variety of food, are free from disease, are not inbred, and have plenty of exercise, there need be no great trouble about lack of fertility in eggs.

Do not omit the dust bath as soon as pleasant weather comes. Fowls having free range will still come back to the dust box frequently and enjoy it. They enjoy scratching in the fresh earth, but they likewise enjoy flopping in earth which is thoroughly dry.

Things to Remember.

A little flax seed with the morning meal will make the plumage shine.

Milk is excellent for laying hens, as it contains constituents of the white of eggs.

Old hens lay larger eggs than pullets and their eggs produce stronger and more vigorous chicks.

It is not the largest turkeys that bring the highest prices, but rather those of medium size, but in a fat, plump condition.

Whitewash is better than paint on the poultry house for the reason that it costs less and has the purifying influence as well.

It pays to feed the young fowls liberally until well grown. Once stunted they never regain their vigor even by the most careful feeding.

If an abundance of good sharp grit is constantly within range of the fowl the many ailments that spring from indigestion could be prevented.—American Poultry Advocate.

"The winnings of our advertisers were:" This is a paragraph that will never be found in The American Fancier, albeit it is taken from a very prominent poultry journal. If The American Fancier cannot print all of the awards, it will not print any. It is simply a case of a square deal for the little fellow as well as the big fellow with The American Fancier.

Don't breed from immature pullets, and never breed from a weak bird.

A patch of artichokes will furnish excellent greens for poultry, but don't forget the poultry while you are raising the artichokes.

DATES CLAIMED.

Under this heading there will appear each week a list of all the shows claiming dates for the coming season. Secretaries of poultry, pigeon and pet stock exhibitions will confer a favor by sending in the dates selected as promptly as possible. It is not only a convenience and guide to secretaries of shows that have not selected their dates, but of great interest to readers of The American Fancier, a majority of whom are exhibitors.

The name of secretary and judges will be appreciated when sending in notices.

Aug. 21-24—Cortlandt, N. Y. Cortlandt County Agricultural Society, W. J. Greenman, Secretary.

Nov. 12-17—Houston, Tex., Hewey S. Fox, Jr., Secretary.

Nov. 12-17, San Jose, Cal. Santa Clara Valley Poultry and Pet Stock Association, E. Van Every, Secretary, Edenvale, Cal.

Dec. 3-9, San Francisco, Cal. California Poultry Association, J. C. Williams, Secretary, Fruitvale, Cal.

Dec. 4-8—Youngstown, O., H. J. Cossler, Secretary.

Dec. 4-8—Wilkes Barre, Pa., David T. Miller, Secretary.

Dec. 4-8—Providence, R. I., Rhode Island Poultry Association, W. I. Brown, Secretary, 6 Exchange Place.

Dec. 5-8, Grand Rapids, Wis. Grand Rapids Poultry Association; B. G. Eggert, Secretary; Frank Heck, Judge.

Dec. 5-8, Paterson, N. J. Paterson Poultry, Pigeon and Pet Stock Association; Charles Frost, Secretary.

Dec. 6-9—Danbury, Conn., C. H. Brundage, Secretary.

Dec. 11-14, Lewistown, Mo. Lewistown Poultry Association; A. O. Brooking, Secretary, La Belle, Mo.; Frank Heck, Judge.

Dec. 12-14—Kingston, N. Y., F. E. Miller, Secretary, Rifton, N. Y.

Dec. 12-15—Corsicana, Tex., W. E. Elliott, Secretary, Box 281.

Dec. 12-15, Fresno, Cal. Fresno Poultry, Pigeon and Pet Stock Association, George R. Andrews, Secretary.

Dec. 12-15, Stoughton, Wis. Stoughton Poultry Association; Sylvanus Ames, Secretary; Frank Heck, Judge.

Dec. 19-22, Holland, Mich. Holland Poultry and Pet Stock Association; L. S. Spritsma, Secretary; Frank Heck, Judge.

Dec. 19-23, Mohnsville, Pa. Wyomissing Poultry Association; George W. Hatt, Secretary, Mohn's Store, Pa.; Charles T. Cornman, Judge.

Jan. 7-11, Aurora, Ill. Aurora Poultry Association; Walter M. Smith, Secretary; Frank Heck, Judge.

Jan. 8-11, Middletown, Conn. Middlesex County Poultry, Pigeon and Pet Stock Association; Arthur L. Clark, Secretary.

Jan. 9-12, Alameda, Cal. Alameda County Poultry Association, C. G. Hinds, Secretary.

Jan. 9-13, Chilton, Wis. Chilton Poultry and Pet Stock Association; A. Stransky, Secretary; Frank Heck, Judge.

Jan. 15-19, 1907—Kansas City, Mo., P. H. DeFree, Secretary.

Jan. 15-19—Angola, Ind., Tri-State P. and P. S. Association, W. K. Sheffer, Secretary.

Jan. 16-20, Charlotte, N. C. Charlotte Poultry Association; W. B. Alexander, Secretary.

Jan. 28-Feb. 2, Cleveland, Ohio. Cleveland Fancier's Club Co.; F. L. Gruchl, Secretary; 1922 Woodland Ave.

Jan. 30-Feb. 2—St. Albans, Vt., C. O. Barrett, Secretary.

Feb. 5-9, Hudson, Mich. Southern Michigan Poultry Association; Ed. R. West, Secretary; Frank Heck, Judge.

PHEASANT FOWL HYBRIDS.

Cases have been recorded of cock pheasants breeding with fowls of the farmyard, the produce being sterile and incapable of reproduction among themselves or with either of the species from which they were derived. In order to favor this production, the pheasant must have been bred among domestic fowls. The male pheasant occasionally pairs with a favorite hen, provided he has none of his own species with which to mate. It is usual for only a small proportion of eggs thus feundated to prove fertile. The introduction of a pheasant hen will immediately alienate the attention of the cock pheasant from his newly made mate. Common wild pheasant cocks have been known to mate with six varieties of fowls, viz., Spanish, Game, Buff Pekin, and Indian Game Bantams, Gold and Silver Spangled Hamburgs. All of these hybrids were

described as being exceedingly wild, with heads devoid of combs, wattles, or deaf-ears, and with tails approaching the conformation of the pheasant, but not so lengthy. In size they far exceed the hen producing them, in color they were excessively darker, while their shape conformed more closely to that of the pheasant. The hybrid between the pheasant and the Spanish hen at adult age was black, and of a dull sooty hue, with yellow legs, and weighing nearly seven pounds; round the face, instead of being white, presented the velvety appearance peculiar to the pheasant. In the cross between the black-breasted Red Game hen the scapular and breast feathers were pencilled with as much regularity as in the male pheasant; the ground color was exceedingly dark, and the pencilings were not visible. The face was plain and feathered to the eyelids; the eyes were of a deep hazel. Its weight was about six and a half pounds. As much dissimilarity was observed in the other three crosses as in those described. The markings were as variable as they could be, and the birds as pugnacious as it is possible to imagine, and were always sterile and unsocial. If you wish to experiment allow your bird to mate with a Gold Spangled Hamburg hen. We would first warn you, however, that the cock pheasant is sometimes exceedingly capricious, and has been known to destroy several hens before selecting one to his entire notion. The chickens would make good table birds.

Points on Incubators.

Dr. Richard M. Wood has prepared a bulletin for the Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., on "Incubation and Incubators." The summary of his instructions is given below, and the bulletin may be had on application to the Department:

Avoid smoke.

Study your incubator.

Do not overfill the tray.

Turn every egg the third day.

Cool the eggs every morning.

Test all eggs by the seventh day.

Test again by the eleventh day.

Test again by the fifteenth day.

Acquaint yourself with all its parts.

Learn how to trim and clean a lamp.

Get the adjustment right and keep it so.

Set it up carefully and according to instructions.

Have a regular house for incubator work.

Do not tinker too much with the regulator.

Keep the lamps full and the wick and tube clean.

Be sure your hands are clean when handling eggs.

Read the manufacturer's directions for setting up.

See that the eggs are dry and clean before setting them.

Do not disturb the eggs after the evening of the eighteenth day.

Set fertile eggs only. Waste no effort upon those that are doubtful.

Balance all eggs, large end up, a few hours before placing them in the tray.

Heat your machine and make your adjustment before placing eggs in the egg chamber.

Never try to run an incubator in a drafty place, nor near a stove, nor where the sun shines upon it.

If the air space is too large, supply moisture; if too small, put a saucer of dry lime in the room and run without moisture a day or two.

Weed's Wanderings

Shelton, Conn. is our next stopping place, and of course D. A. Nichols and "Billy" Homes the first to receive our attention; and if a few more like them were scattered about the country, it would certainly make a pleasure of business for me. Young Master Nichols is following in his father's footsteps in so far as love of pure-bred poultry is concerned.

Here we visit the yards of C. P. Nettleton and see his famous Light Brahmas and White Cochins; here also we meet Mr. E. Ritche, of Faverolle fame. Then to Charley Welles' and see the daughters and sons of Madison Square Garden winners. Charley certainly has the goods. Then to the Holah Farm, where we see some 1,500 young White Wyandotte chicks. Mr. Holah reports over eighty per cent fertile. I can honestly say I never saw a healthier, stronger lot of chicks than these.

We take the train for Simsbury and meet friend Crangle, and see and talk Russian Wolfhound until we almost forget that it is feathers and not hair that we are interested in.

Willow Brook Farm is our next, and here we see as fine a collection of Orpingtons as we ever had the pleasure of looking at, we find everything in the pink of condition, and the best office system of keeping books, records, etc., that we ever saw. Mr. Davis is a thorough business man and applies his business methods to the running of his large poultry interests.

We next visit the yards of R. C. Tuttle and see Reds that are Reds.

We take the train for New York feeling that we have seen some of the best birds in the several varieties there are in the United States.

On our journey we stop and see the pen of Reds of A. W. Wood, of Pittsfield, Mass.; Arthur certainly has great Reds, and if you want to hear eloquence, just get Arthur started on Reds (he is a lawyer) and you will get the real thing double distilled. From his office we go to that of his brother practitioner, H. L. Davis. Mr. Davis has no desire for feathers. Numbers of eggs and good plump carcasses are all he desires in poultry.

Next we meet W. G. Backus, a veteran breeder of Game fowl, and owner of some grand birds, we then have the pleasure of a good hand-shake with J. M. Trimble, who thinks his W. P. Rocks are simply feathered perfection personified, just get Trimble and Arthur Wood talking chicken and it would make you think of a nice piece of meat, a streak of red and a streak of white. In fact when I saw them talking to a third party they made me think of the good old stars and stripes, for while Arthur was all red, and Trimble all white, the other fellow certainly looked blue.

Geo W Weed

The present is the time to advertise, and then keep it going all of the time.

TORONTO'S GREAT SHOW.

The following news regarding the great show of poultry and pigeons at the Canadian National Exposition to be held at Toronto, August 31st to September 7th, we take from the Canadian Poultry Review:

"The Poultry Committee of Toronto's big exhibition met on March 15th, with Mr. John Chambers in the chair. Other members present were Messrs. W. McNeil, London, representing the Winter Fair, Guelph; W. Barber, A. Atkinson, Ardagh; Geo. H. Gooderham, John G. Kent, and several of the city aldermen. The White Plymouth Rock Club wrote asking for a change in judges and suggesting the name of Mr. J. H. Drevenstedt as judge on White Rocks, but the recommendation appeared to meet with no favor. The birds will go in on Friday, as usual, judging to begin at 8 a. m. Saturday. Classes for Birchen's were added to both Game and Game Bantams as were classes for Partridge Wyandottes; while Penciled Dots was made to read as any other color. Polands, A. O. C., was changed to A. O. V. Several changes were also made in the pigeon, rabbit and cage bird sections.

"The judges recommended to the Board are as follows: Sharp Butterfield, Turkeys, Ducks, Geese, Partridge Cochins and all Ornamental Bantams. J. E. Bennett, all Plymouth Rocks, Sultans, Silkies and A. O. V. T. H. Smelt, Hamburgs, Red Caps, Spanish, Javas, R. I. Reds, Minorcas and Andalusians. L. G. Jarvis, all Leghorns, Dorkings, French and Polands. A. F. Pierce, Game and Game Bantams. J. H. Drevenstedt, all Wyandottes except Partridge. R. Oke, Orpingtons, all Asiatics, except Partridge Cochins. W. Barker, dressed poultry. Ornamental Class, I. B. Johnson.

"Several delegates put up a stiff fight for a new building, but the committee were plainly told that it was an impossibility this year. Promises were made for the future.

"It was moved by Mr. Ardagh, seconded by Mr. McNeil, and carried, that we impress on the Board of Directors the importance of the early erection of a suitable building sufficiently large to coop all birds singly, the present building and coops being both insufficient and unsanitary."

Long Island Association.

The Long Island Association was organized at a meeting of poultry breeders held at Jöhren's Hotel, in Mineola, on Wednesday afternoon, March 15th, with a charter membership of one hundred, including all the prominent breeders of thoroughbred poultry in all four counties on the Island. Preceding the formal meeting there was a gathering of poultrymen in the morning at which a constitution and by-laws was framed and other matters affecting the organization discussed informally.

P. Halstead Scudder was chosen chairman and the following officers were elected: President, P. Halstead Scudder; Vice-Presidents, Edward R. Collins, of Kings County; Isaac Kietoe, of Queens; F. S. Jackson, of Suffolk, and Thomas H. Bacon, of Nassau; Secretary-Treasurer, Robert Seaman, of Jericho. The following Executive Committee was appointed: Rowland Story, Leon Helferich and George L. Young, of Kings County; J. Hart Welch, H. B. Rowedder and Charles M.

Smith, of Queens; R. E. Hannington, William W. Titus and R. H. Jacobs, of Nassau, and L. P. Clark, R. A. Tuttle and C. E. Arnold, of Suffolk.

Under the provisions of the constitution and by-laws the Executive Committee will comprise the twelve gentlemen elected at the meeting, the President, Vice-Presidents and Secretary-Treasurer, a new committee to be elected at every annual meeting. The constitution and by-laws were read by section and adopted as presented with a few amendments.

All those present at the meeting and others who sent letters signifying their desire to become members of the association, were made charter members. It will not be so easy to join the association in the future, as an applicant must be recommended by one member and endorsed by another, after which a ballot will be taken by mail, five black balls being sufficient to reject.

The object of the association is to encourage the breeding of the thorough-bred poultry and to further square dealing among breeders of all classes. A member of the association can be expelled if found guilty of falsely representing his stock. It is the purpose of the association to hold an annual show some time in November of each year, and also to offer prizes at other shows the competition for which will be restricted to members of the association.

Those present at the meeting were enthusiastic over the outlook, and predicted that the association of breeders would have a very beneficial effect upon the industry all over the Island.

PUSS, HEN'S FOSTERCHILD.

(New York World, April 9.)

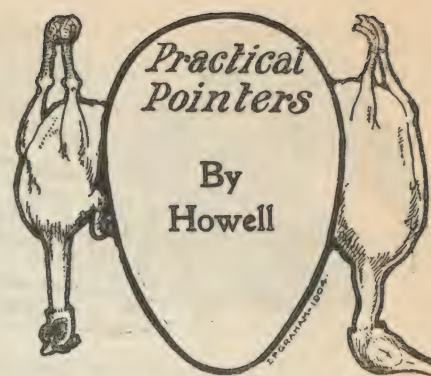
Mrs. A. J. Osborn, of Alton, Ill., although not a poultry enthusiast, has made a discovery in rural economy that may be disastrous to the makers of incubators and brooders. Mrs. Osborn's common gray house cat is now engaged in bringing up a brood of six chickens, whose own mother deserted them three weeks ago. It is the third brood of chickens tabby has raised.

The cat has not fed the chicks, of course, but guides them to where they can get food and water, and she drinks with them and "mothers" them in every way possible. Instead of clucking, she meows, and the chicks run to her and nestle close to her warm fur. She stands over them and with her legs protects them after the fashion of a real mother hen.

Puss is an enigma to strangers, but Mrs. Osborn says it's all plain enough, since puss herself had a hen for a foster-mother. She was a deserted, forlorn little kitten and was chased and abused by every animal and fowl on the place, until one day an old Plymouth Rock hen took the kitten under her protection, whipped everybody that molested her and brought her up "by hand." When the kitten grew to cathood she and the hen were inseparable, night and day, until the hen died from croup.

The cat does not care for the companionship of felines and is apparently contented only when doing something for chickens.

The mistakes that most beginners make is an overestimation of their abilities. When a tyro determines to engage in the poultry business he should consider it from every standpoint.



The poultry business is what it is made, the successes are the result of hard work and close attention to minor details.

The recruit that joins the ranks, because he thinks he is up against an easy game, will never be numbered as one of the successes.

Consider for a moment the great army of poultry raisers, each with his own method of doing things, and a majority of them succeeding, it is a wonderful business when welded together into a whole fabric.

This county has been long known for its army of poultrymen, there is at present about 2,000 birds shown annually at the fair each fall.

The Perennial Fossils who run this fair have reached the conclusion that the poultry exhibitors are coining money, and have resolved to charge a tariff of 40 per cent of 1st prize on each bird shown, as it is not mandatory on the part of the breeders to show, the possibilities point to smaller entries. I simply use this particular case to illustrate the point, and show that no matter how numerous the fanciers are becoming, some must be constantly on guard that the interest may not suffer.

About all the ill-fowls have ever contracted are said to come from feeding too much corn, in these days of the balanced ration, it should be no trouble to avoid the danger line. Brother, a hog takes to corn like a girl to ice cream, but don't try to make a hog out of the hens and corn will put money in your pocket.

Poultry and cattle relish corn products above any other grain, cracked corn costs the same as whole corn and is a more satisfactory feed.

A help, but not infallible remedy for bowel complaint in brooder raised chicks, is a few drops of a 100 per cent solution of carbolic acid in the drinking water, do this anyway, as the acid is a sure cleanser for the drinking vessels themselves, and a germ killer in the fowl yard is never out of place.

I believe I have told you before how to build a portable fence, in sections, for use about the brooder houses. A twelve foot board, ten inches wide, to this attach wire netting two feet wide, a staple every foot, then nail an upright at each end of the board and attach wire, next fit an A-shaped piece of board at the junction of upright and top side of long board to prevent the uprights from bending in with the strain of the wire, now nail on three lighter uprights in center space and stretch on wire and you have a fence that will never wear out, or sag, and it can be moved to any point as occasion demands.

Chicken rearing requires too many steps for the operator to be without all needful equipment, estimate your daily steps and verify this statement.



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We regret to learn that Henry L. Fox, the Rhode Island Red enthusiast and champion of the Keystone State, is going out of the poultry business. He has found a tempting proposition which will bring gold to his strong-box in much larger consignments than any possible returns from his hens. Although out of the chicken business as a livelihood he will still maintain a few of his favorites on his place in order to keep in touch with "the boys," which he claims have added ten years to his life and given him employment galore. He expects to do the "buttin-sky" act each year at the Madison Square Garden Show and renew old acquaintances.

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The Rev. S. T. Bartlett, Colborne, Ontario, Canada, has purchased the entire flock of Silver Pencilled Wyandottes formerly owned by Frank H. Hodges, Red Bank, N. J. This in addition to his own stock should give Mr. Bartlett a fine lot of breeders for the coming season and no doubt he will have as great a lot of Silvers in a few years as he now has of Buff Wyandottes. What he did with the latter at Canada's great winter show, held at Guelph, is history. It was a strong class, one of the strongest we handled last season. The Silver Pencilled Wyandotte is still a bit under cover in the Dominion, but with a liberal classification at Canadian shows, it is bound to become popular,

for it is a beauty breed with utility thrown in.

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"How many varieties of fowl can I keep?" is a question often asked. Our answer invariably has been: "The fewer the better." This may seem somewhat unpalatable to some of our friends who make a specialty of nearly everything in the Standard, and not a few varieties not recognized by the American Poultry Association. These good fellows with endless strings of birds they galavant around the circuit forget that the man has not been born that can give enough time and attention to each and every variety to bring it up to the high standard demanded at first-class shows. It is true some succeed in producing a very fair lot of birds, and in some instances, some very good ones, but the fact remains perennial that the breeder who makes a specialty of one breed or variety and aims to perfect it to the highest notch will reap the reward he is entitled to and that is a financial return no polyglot combination of feathered bipeds will ever give.

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In speaking with a well-known fancier not very long ago regarding this subject, he remarked: "When I had one or two varieties and stuck to the practical end of the business with the fancy sales as a side issue, I made money. I got the show fever and exhibited 27 varieties (not Heintz's) and the consequence is I joined the Down and Out Club. I won many prizes and have the ribbons to show for all this. But every ribbon cost a bunch of money. Take the care, labor and time to breed so many varieties, prepare them for the show, pay entry fees, express bills and a hired man to travel with them, and incidentally take an excursion to a show myself, there is nothing left for "your uncle" except glory, and that don't pay feed bills." This is a true story, but the man who told it bred only the very best and patronized only the leading shows.

There is another class of poultrymen who do the fall shows with big strings of birds. In most cases they buy up the different varieties they exhibit and by hard work and often uncomfortable traveling in freight cars, succeed in making money on the circuit. This is a branch of the business not exactly within the realm of the fancier who strives to produce a specialty that will enable him to make money without being subject to the discomforts of the life of the traveling showman. A jack of all trades is master of none is a very good old saw and it applies to the poultry business with the same force as it does in all other undertakings. Sticking to one pursuit, vocation or business is the only way of gaining a reputation in this wide, wide world.

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J. Albert Lewis, The American Fancier photo artist, has been a busy boy in the past few weeks. He has taken some fine pictures of Gedney Farm birds, also of George E. Rowland's pigeons, and a week ago spent a day at Red Bank, where he succeeded in making some fine pictures of Columbia Stock Farm and a few of the birds on the latter. All these will appear in The American Fancier, some this week.

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The next annual meeting of the American Poultry Association will be held at Auburn, New York. How the members voted will be seen on another page of this issue. Although we personally voted for New York and believe to this day that the latter city should have had the meeting, we, nevertheless, congratulate the Auburn fanciers on their good fortune in securing the plum. For a plum it is to any city outside of New York, Boston, or other big cities, where entries are always assured. That Auburn will have a grand show and a large one is an undeniable fact. Not only did the Auburn fanciers work hard to get the meeting, they also had the assistance of others in and out of the State of New York. We understand there will be a big poultry institute held in connection with the meeting.

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It is amusing to read some of the letters we receive from members of the American Poultry Association explaining why they voted for Auburn. Here is what one good fellow from the wild and wooley West writes: "I note that Auburn has the next meeting of the American Poultry Association and I feel that the boys have acted wisely in selecting the smaller town. We can't get good work out of a committee at New York. I have for the past five years favored meeting in some minor place, believing that better results follow and then devote all our time in New York and Boston to secure business." That sounds like a beautiful fairy tale. In the first place, Auburn is not a minor town, its a pretty fine city with a good bunch of hospitable fanciers. In the second place, the best work ever done at a meeting for downright solid business was at Boston, 1898, with the Hon. David A. Nichols in the chair and Major Theodore Sternberg as secretary. And here comes another erroneous statement, viz.: "Devoting all the time to business at New York and Boston." Now what business has a man in an Executive Committee who is present at a show where the A. P. A. convenes to fail to attend its deliberations? If commercialism is to overtop duty and

loyalty to the best interests of the old society, the sooner those saturated with that brand of dope, give up active participation in its affairs, the better.

It brings back what we said a year or so ago, and that was to eliminate all cities where shows are held and arrange to hold an annual meeting in the good old summer time, not in the shade of the old tree, but in some well located, cheery and breezy summer resort, where all the spare time could be devoted to the work before the American Poultry Association. The itinerant habit the latter has developed in its desire to meet in all parts of the United States is not calculated to help the Society as much as the advocates of that questionable proceeding imagine. The A. P. A. has outgrown the infant stage of its existence. The results obtained at Cedar Rapids and Minneapolis are still fresh in the memories of those that observe and study such doings. State meetings of the A. P. A. held each year at some designated city where a show is held would do an immense amount of good. State cups, diplomas or medals could be offered by the association to make it interesting and an object for State members to attend. Then at the annual round-up in the rosy month of June the State clans or delegates can convene and get to work.

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We had a pleasant call from Mr. Geo. B. Inches, of North Grafton, Mass., last week. Mr. Inches is as enthusiastic as ever when Dorkings are mentioned. He has just imported from the famous yards of Mr. Herbert Reeves, three of the latter's choicest birds. The magnificent flock Mr. Inches possesses is a delight to all lovers of the Dorking fowl. There is nothing finer, better or more useful in fowldom than a well-bred Dorking. The craze for new and unfinished products in the feathered line has allowed one of the grandest breeds on earth to almost drop out of sight. But like a good man, the Dorking is bound to come out on top.

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The following item we clip from the Fancier's Monthly, San Jose, California:

"New York City again has a poultry paper. The American Fancier has been transferred to the metropolis and starts out on a new career with J. H. Drevenstedt as editor, and, we are assured, ample backing otherwise to ensure its success. Certainly this great country ought to support in fine style at least one weekly poultry paper, and The American Fancier richly deserves all the success any journal of the East can get."

Editor Chas. R. Hasker, who penned the above lines is well qualified to express the sentiment contained in the latter. Mr. Hasker was the pioneer poultry journalist in the metropolis of America, when as editor of the Poultry Bulletin, he made that journal a pronounced success and giving his only Eastern rival, the Poultry World, a hard run for the money. The old Bulletin changed hands a number of times, J. C. Long succeeding Mr. Hasker, after which John J. Berry, the owner of the paper managed it, the writer of these notes acting as editor. It was then sold to Jas. E. Warner, but eventually gave up the ghost. The Poultry World also disappeared from view after the founder's retirement, H. H. Stoddard. That New York City is the place for publishing a weekly newspaper is pretty well acknowledged. The great gains made by The American Fancier recently indicate that the time is at hand for a paper that come every week of the year to

the homes of thousands of poultrymen to materialize and successfully at that.

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This reminds us that a new monthly paper will be published in New York City called the Poultry Digest. It will make its first appearance April 15th. The prospectus states that the publication will be the one which all poultrymen have so longingly looked forward to for years past. It is further stated "It seems to us that too much cannot be said in its praise" and "It will be the product of the most careful editing that has ever been put into a poultry journal of any class." There are also other fine promises made, which, if fulfilled should produce the ideal poultry journal, and all for twenty-five cents a year.

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Mr. D. L. Hondlow, Manager of the New England Poultry Journal was a visitor at The American Fancier office one day this week and we enjoyed a very pleasant chicken talk with him. Mr. Hondlow is on a trip visiting the large poultry plants in the vicinity of New York City.

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Edwin H. Morris, the duck king of Sparkhill, New Jersey, received per S. S. Exeter City, recently, a consignment of fifty Rouen and Aylesbury ducks and informs us that forty more are on the way from England. Mr. Morris made a big sweep at the New York and Boston Shows last winter with his Rouens and Aylesburies, getting nearly all the blues and the water fowl special. He sold his Aylesburies at the Boston show for one hundred dollars—a record price. The ducks he imported come from the leading expert and Judge in England. Mr. Morris writes: "The swell hotels need not send to France and England much longer for ducks such as their patrons demand. For some years past, Pekins raised in America have failed to meet the requirements for some reasons and the importation in cold storage have steadily increased. An Aylesbury laid an egg weighing nearly four ounces and one of the Rouens got near it with one weighing three and one-half ounces." After this when we meet Col. Morris we will be compelled to duck our head. He has all of us stopped when it comes to ducks, except one man in New Jersey who had a system (not Lawson's) of feeding that will produce Pekin ducks weighing twelve to eighteen pounds each at twelve weeks of age. He told that story at Red Bank the other day with all the assurance capable to be stored up in a human being and never winked an eyelash out of place.

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Mr. Adam Catto, in the Feathered World, England, is responsible for the following which will not only interest Dorking fanciers, but breeders of other varieties:

"A curious thing has happened in my poultry yard. One of my silver Dorking hens stuck in her moult, and did not throw another feather till the beginning of February, when she began putting on cock's feathers.

"Instead of salmon-coloured feathers in breast they are quite black, and silvery neck and saddle hackle, as good as any cock's, in fact. I have good hopes of her developing into a deck-sweeping 1906 cockerel. She was a splendid layer last year. I will be glad if you will let me know if you ever heard of a case the same."

No answer was attached to Mr. Catto's query. We have heard of similar cases in years gone by but never have seen this change of attire from the male to the male garb. Cannot ex-

press an opinion. Perhaps some of our readers can enlighten us on this subject.

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Capt. Walter B. Sherry of Stony Brook, N. Y., and Col. A. G. Oliver, formerly of Valdosta, Ga., have formed a co-partnership and will breed and raise thousands of birds on the Sherry Farm, taking in the leading varieties of poultry and making a specialty of fine waterfowl. When that pair hit the fall circuit there will be something doing every minute. Both are expert showmen who exhibit high class stock in a first class manner.

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Mr. Hugo Freese, Rochester, New York, sent a fine shipment of Rhode Island Red eggs recently to Mr. Rohde Oldenburg, Germany. This is Mr. Freese's first foreign shipment and he naturally feels elated over it. He reports a fine bunch of chicks out.

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Mr. Alan F. Hill, Jr., the able and courteous Secretary of the Albany, N. Y. show for the past season, has removed to Rochester, New York where he will make his home in the future. Mr. Hill made many friends in Albany and was very popular with the fanciers and exhibitors at the shows he did so much to make a success. He will meet a fine lot of fanciers when he gets to the Flower City and should be equally popular there.

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"Big Theo." Hewes has the Columbian Wyandotte fever in a rather pronounced form, having installed a cluster of beauties at his Oak Hill Poultry Yards, Indianapolis. Theo. knows a good thing when he sees it. He is coming East next winter to take in the New York and Boston shows and then will have a chance to gaze on a big array of Columbians. The latter are coming some, to use one of Ham-burgh Bill's expressions.

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We have just received the new circular issued by Willard Brook Farm, Berlin, Conn. It is strictly out of the ordinary being printed on fine half-tone book paper and in newspaper form. It is beautifully illustrated with pictures of the plant that have made Willow Brook Orpingtons famous all over the United States and Canada. The "Only William" Davis, proprietor, manager and sage, has our congratulations on this, his latest and most successful effort to make poultry catalog literature readable and instructive.

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The sales of American Standard of Perfection aggregated 14,700 copies up to April 2d. This practically exhausts the present edition and the Secretary requests that no more orders be sent in for this edition. The second edition, containing additions, changes and illustrations ordered at the last Cincinnati meeting, will not be ready until about May 1, 1906. We will book orders for new edition to be filled in rotation as soon as a supply of the books arrive from the publishers.

John H. Revere

The question is often mooted as to the difference between a "new laid" and a "fresh" egg. An authority says that "an egg is fresh as long as it will hatch under a hen." That ought to settle the question.

Business & Otherwise

The hit and miss chat that is hereinafter to ensue is indited with malice aforethought, if you please, for the scribbler has several matters whereof to write, all of which may be taken with or without sauce, just as the reader feels disposed.

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Beginning under the asterisks, it is well to speak of the biped who rears and tears because his little say does not appear in these columns. This is beyond the day of miracles, and forty-five feet of reading matter cannot be jammed in twenty-two feet of space. Have patience, and your airing will come around.

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Here is a little poemlet that it is well to put under your hat:

BOIL IT DOWN.

Whatever you have to say, my friend,
Whether witty, or grave, or gay,
Condense it as much as ever you can;
Say it in the readiest way;
And whether you write of household affairs
Or particular things in town,
Just take a word of friendly advice;
Boil it down!

For if you go sputtering over a page,
When a couple of lines would do,
Your butter is spread so much, you see,
That the bread looks plainly through.
So when you have a story to tell,
And would like a little renown,
To make quite sure of your wish, my friend,
Boil it down!

When writing an article for the press,
Whether prose or verse, just try
To utter your thoughts in the fewest words,
And let them be crisp and dry;
And when you have finished, and you suppose
It is done exactly brown,
Just look it over once more, and then,
Boil it down!

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It is a wise hen that knoweth its own chick in these strenuous days of incubation.

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Yes, The American Fancier is printed at Ossining, N. Y. Furthermore, it is printed at the printery of the Ossining Printing and Publishing Company, a corporation that possesses the most complete outfit between New York City and Albany. The concern prints a daily paper, besides ten other publications, and maintains a large job printing department besides.

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We speak of this because some of our patrons seem to think that Ossining is simply the home of that good gray jug, the Pensionnat des Chevaliers d'Industrie, or Sing Sing Prison, if that is plainer.

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Ossining contains the palatial homes of Mrs. Elliott F. Shepard, Walter W. Law, V. Everit Macy, Brayton Ives, James Speyer, Frederick Potter, General Edwin A. McAlpin, not to speak of places of lesser magnitude. That ought to hold somebody down.

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Sylvanus E. Still, who has his yards at Sparta, a suburb of Ossining, has presented the writer with old files of The American Fancier. "Van," as he is universally known, is a Pit Game breeder, and has been at it since 1876. Some stories will appear in these columns later on about chicken doings in old Sparta.

A large flock of wild geese went honking northward on Saturday night, winging their way to "Dick" Hutching's game preserves in Canada. The flock was flying low as it swept along the Hudson, and the pert White Leghorn cockerel in the coop in our backyard crowded lustily as the winged procession clattered along in the moonlight. His cockship probably knew that the flight of wild geese was a sure harbinger of vernal spring.

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Just in passing, it is well to say a word about that pen of White Leghorns in our back yard poultry farm. There is a cockerel and five pullets, and their juvenile owner is just now gathering in enough eggs for Easter offerings, with a setting or two over.

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There is a difference of one letter only between hen roost and hen roast, and nobody knows that better than our colored brethren.

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The American Fancier now reaches thousands of post-offices in the United States and Canada. There is hardly a city or town where The American Fancier is not read by one or more subscribers every week. In nearly every community there are some fanciers who are not yet on our subscription list. We are certain that many of our regular readers can get up a club of five subscriptions at one dollar each. If they will do this, The American Fancier will present them with a copy of the American Standard of Perfection, latest edition.

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The American Fancier editorial office is now installed in a commodious suite of rooms in the Havemeyer Building, in New York City, so that members of the fancier fraternity, and relatives and friends generally will have a chance to swing around when they visit us. Our temporary quarters quickly proved too small for the demands of The American Fancier, so the jump was made before May 1, thanks to the powers that be in the Havemeyer Building. Drop in and see us when in town.

Robert T. Dennis

NOTICE TO CORRESPONDENTS AND ADVERTISERS.

Owing to the increasing circulation of The American Fancier, together with a corresponding demand upon our advertising columns, correspondents and advertisers are notified that all communications should reach the New York office of The American Fancier, Havemeyer Building, No. 26 Cortlandt Street, before 4:30 o'clock, P. M., on Monday of each week, in order to secure insertion in the current issue of the paper.

The greater variety of food you feed your hens the nearer they will come to the two hundred egg mark. It is not necessary to take them to a restaurant, but give them milk, meat scraps, fresh cut bone and green food along with corn and grain and biddy will do the rest.



The American Fancier has been this country's foremost poultry journal for the past thirteen years, but heretofore has devoted little space to the pigeon interest, however, the management has now determined to introduce this department on the same practical lines.

It is quite possible to make it a success, if we have the earnest support of all pigeon fanciers, for there is a demand and room for this department.

It will be the object of this column to give full show reports, with impartial criticism. Justifiable criticism by the press should not only be appreciated, but vindicated, as it tends to promote progress.

It seems peculiar, to say the least, that pigeon fanciers are having the same trouble, this year, as last, in getting the official rings.

When numbered from 1 to 9999, it should be possible to run off several sets, especially when we are forced to take them in numerical order. The American Pigeon Club held their annual meeting at the New York Show the first week in January, when the matter of who should make the official conference bands was settled.

Perhaps if the contract was made before the current year, it would give less excuse for delay.

Mr. George E. Rowland's Magpies.

There is no fancier to-day better known in Magpie and Fantail circles than Mr. George E. Rowland, of Jersey City, N. J.

Four years ago (1902) at Madison Square Garden, New York, this gentleman made his debut with a team, including the ten best from the lofts of George W. Spohn of Philadelphia, Pa. From that day's adventure the stud has grown until to-day his magnificent lofts shelter one of the best if not the best team of Magpies (all colors) in America.

Mr. Rowland has shown the same characteristic energy in the pigeon fancy which manifested itself when he entered the Belgian Hare fancy, by purchasing only the best.

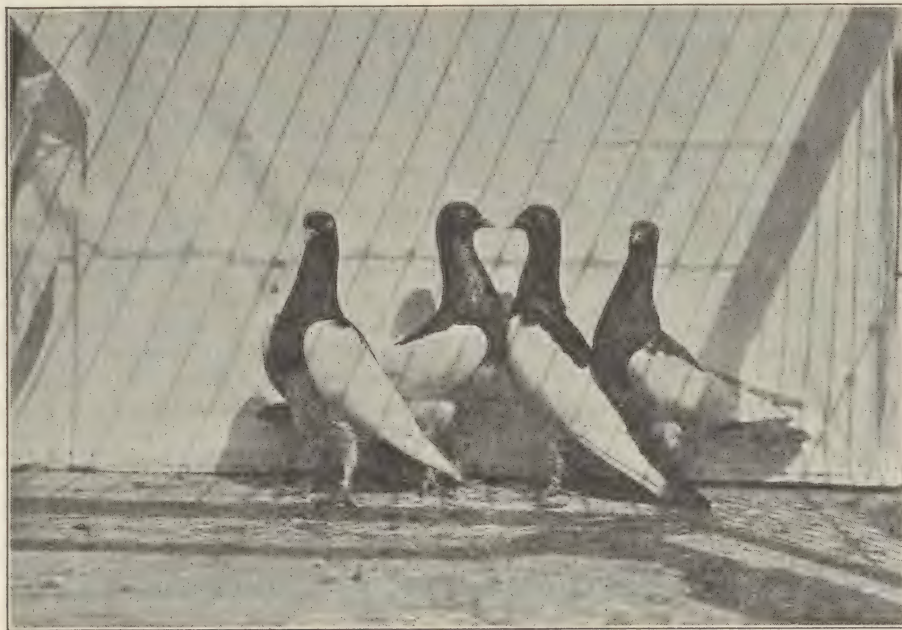
When that fancy was at its zenith he took the Bergen Rabittery (owned by Mr. Rowland) mare the phonemal record by winning at Madison Square Garden, 1901, first, second and third in a class of twenty-two.

The cavey fanciers were startled when they heard this gentleman had turned his attentions in that direction, and well they might be, for in 1902, he exhibited such specimens as "Snow-drop" (White Peruvian) first New York, "Prince Dash" and "Realization" (Abyssinian) First and Second New York "Royal" (Black English) First New York Champion "Elegance" (Broken English) First New York and at that time owned the best mixed

team of Cavies in the world.—Fur and Feather, Jan. 23, 1902. At New York, 1904, in the hottest competition ever held in this country, 126 entries, Mr. Rowland won 21 out of possible 26 firsts, a record which will stand for many a year.

The first variety of the Pigeon fancy to gain favor with Mr. Rowland was

Black Hen, (imported Warner) First Ilfracombe, First Bedford, First Lancaster Club show and Third Crystal Palace, England, Third, New York. This hen has magnificent color, grand station and reach very fine head, in fact one of the best blacks we believe ever exhibited in this country, very clean lick.



Imported by Mr. George E. Rowland From F. Warner, Esq.

No. 1—Yellow Cock, First Middlesex, England; First New York, 1906. No. 2—Black Cock, First Sp. and Certificate, best in show, all varieties; Bideford, First and Sp.; Asbroadth First Tampton England; First New York. No. 3—Black Cock, Second New York. No. 4—Red Cock. 2 Palace, First New York.

Photograph by J. Albert Lewis.



The Home of Mr. George E. Rowland's Magpies.

Photograph by J. Albert Lewis.

the Magpie. His first exhibit was shown at Madison Square Garden January 14, 1902, at the annual meet of the Eastern Magpie Club, where he captured the special for the best yellow bred 1901, and silver challenge cup for the best 1901 bred, with his winner in the young black class. From that time on he has exhibited at all the leading shows, and has always held his usual position.

In his breeding lofts to-day are such Magpies as Black Cock (imported Warner) First, special, and certificate best in the show (all varieties) Bedford, First and Special Asbroadth, First Tampton, England, First New York, 1906, (no two in group) a gem for color, very long slim neck, beautiful eye and cere, fine carriage.

Black Cock 1905 bred, imported Warner, 2 New York grand color, eye and cere very slim built especially for a cock, one of the best young cocks in Mr. Rowland's lofts. (See No. 4 group).

Black Hen 1905 First New York, one of the best blacks we have seen, great length of neck and the same type the Warner birds are noted.

Red Cock 1904 First Ilfracombe, First Yarmouth, First Bedford, First Tampton, First York and Second Crystal Palace, 1905, England, First New York. This cock needs no comment, its record tells for itself. (See No. 4 group).

Red Hen 1904 Second Edinburgh Second Manchester, Third Lancaster Club, First and special Barstaple, Fourth

Crystal Palace, England, First New York, a hen full of quality, grand color, perfect markings.

Red Cock, 1905, First and Special Yarmouth Club show, England, First New York, a great youngster, very fine for a cock, together with the second Palace, First New York. Mr. Rowland holds a very strong team for the old classes this coming season.

Blue Cock, 1905, imported, Fourth New York, fair color, fine station, a trifle coarse in neck.

Blue Cock, 1904, imported, second Dairy, second club (Oxford), third Palace, 1905, never shown in this country. The best bodied Blue Cock we have yet seen, very slim, long neck, grand color and station will be a hard one to pass.

Blue Hen, 1904, imported, second Palace, second Lancaster, England, another Blue with that beautiful carriage, very slim, fine head and beak.

Silver Hen, 1904, imported, second Dairy, first Manchester, second Crystal Palace, England, second New York, a very clever hen, good color and markings, very slim long neck, perfect station.

Silver Hen, 1905, Third Palace, England, Third, New York, another hen same quality.

In yellows, this loft is, indeed, just about invincible.

Yellow Cock, 1905, first Middlesex, England, First New York (see No. 1 group), a clinker, one of the best yellows out, very slim, long neck, beautiful eye and cere, grand color.

Yellow Hen, 1903, imported, second Crystal Palace, First Tampton, second Abroadth, first Lancaster (Club show), England, First New York, very slim built bird, ne stature, the same fine color for which these birds are noted.

Yellow Hen, imported, 1905, second New York, another about the same type.

This enumeration by no means includes Mr. Rowland's entire show stud, but refers only to a few imported this past season, together with the sires and dams of some of the best in England.

At the time of this writing there are quite a number of youngsters wearing 1906 bands that claim some of these aristocrats for their parents, and by their appearance will be equal to the task of maintaining the reputation obtained for this loft by their ancestors.

Members American Magpie Club.

November 16th, 1905.

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A. M. Lockman

Don't forget the dust bath, if use ashes, have them screened.

Mr. Bell Answered.
Shushan, N. Y.,
March 20, 1906.

Editor American Fancier:

In your issue of March 10 I notice that Mr. Bell was displeased with what I had to say about the Buff Wyandottes at New York. Mr. Bell, other breeders, judges and myself, looked over the Buff Wyandottes at New York, and he with others agreed that the cock and hen of Pensyl's referred to were the best in the class, and they were. The 1st, 2d and 3d cockerels were very close, and there was very little to choose between them; 1st and 2d had a little the best wings and tails, while 3d was better surface color, better type and had better head than either 1st or 2d. There was a divided opinion among breeders and judges as to whether 1st, 2d, or 3d should win. Any of them could have changed places and no harm been done.

You asked me to write up the class and I did so just as I found it. On account of Mr. Bell's tender age as a breeder and exhibitor, I am very sorry I hurt his feelings and hope he will forgive me this time, and I will try and not let it occur again.

When Mr. Bell says I wanted to see Mr. Pensyl's birds win simply because I sold them, he simply tells a falsehood. That is all.

ANDREW RIDDELL.

Mr. Riddell Scored.
Center Moriches, N. Y.,
March 18, 1906.

Editor American Fancier:

Having been a subscriber to The American Fancier for eight years will you allow me a little space to reply to the article entitled Buff Plymouths at N. Y., by Andrew Riddell. Mr. Riddell seems to have constituted himself as a supreme judge of the Buff Rock and Wyandotte class. Mr. Riddell could not find any good birds except those that were unplaced, and seems to be particularly disappointed because one particular hen and one pullet were unplaced. Could not Mr. Riddell inform the poor ignorant exhibitors in the Buff Rock class who do not know a Single Comb Wyandotte from a Ply-Rock when placed side by side in a cage, in whose yards those two particular females were raised, perhaps he could also tell from what noted strain of Buff Rocks they were bred. If Mr. Riddell want the position of judge at N. Y. we would suggest that he apply for it in a manly way and not take the disquieting way of throwing rocks at the judge over the exhibitor's shoulders.

Yours truly,
ROBERT A. TUTTLE.

Something About Poultry Raising.

"Don't we think poultry advertising the poorest kind of advertising?" We certainly do not. All things considered it is very good advertising. True, only a small proportion of the ads. of poultry are prepared by advertising experts, and equally true many ads. of poultry are very poor ads. But consider the circumstances. Many of these poultrymen spend less than fifty dollars a year in advertising. It is clearly unfair to compare their advertising with that of the general advertising in the magazines. Compared with others advertising on the same scale, we think poultrymen make a very favorable showing.

BROWN'S BUDGET

The Farmers' Agricultural Club of Maryland are getting considerably interested in poultry raising. Some of them have some very practical talks on poultry raising. The Junior Gunpowder Agricultural Club were guests at Kinlock Farm (Mr. W. H. Wight) in Baltimore County, March 31st. They inspected Mr. Wight's poultry plant and learned some very practical lessons and got many ideas of value on raising and feeding poultry. Mr. Wight had 800 young White Wyandottes of various ages which were in excellent condition. Beside the members of the club there was over a score of specially invited guests, which included many ladies. A splendid luncheon was served and then the entire party inspected the poultry plant although a snow storm was prevailing.

Wrap the eggs you are saving for hatching, in clean paper, not newspapers, and keep them in boxes—small boxes are best. The boxes should be with covers and every day should be turned over on another side. Keep in a dry place, and if you keep separate yards or more than one breed label the box so you will have no trouble to find just the ones you want when ready to set them. If the eggs are soiled in any way, wipe them off with a soft rag dampened, then wipe thoroughly dry before putting away.

Don't trust to your memory when you start the incubator or set a number of hens. Have a little note book and jot down the facts. System saves trouble and is often better than worry, because you "can't remember." If you set hens mark each egg with ink what breed it is, and if you know the hen or pullet so mark it. By doing this you can often determine some very interesting facts. You may discover certain ones are not as good a percentage of fertility as you expected and if it is the incubator mark hens' eggs H, and pullets' P, then you can study the difference in results.

The wise poultryman don't do any rut stunts. Ruts sooner or later produce some serious jolts. In the poultry business one must bear in mind the hens don't take any holidays, but "shell out" Sundays as other days. When it's too wet to work the crops, the farmer can go fishing, (and if a good trout stream was near, I fear I would conclude it was too wet for anything but fishing) but the poultryman when it's too wet has extra duties to perform.

Any poultryman or farmer can raise too many chicks. It is often done. Too many means inferior specimens all around. Raise only as many as will do well on the space they occupy without crowding. Remember conditions or environments have their influence

as much as food. Lack of variety in food will never produce the high class specimens. It is always quality that pays. Quantity lessens value when conditions to secure it in any degree affects quality.

There will always be hens set because there are so many people who only keep a dozen or so of hens "just to get eggs for the table, you know, and raise a few chicks." There are many more who are favorably situated to do the same thing, but lack of ambition keeps them back. This lack of ambition is sometimes called laziness but one mustn't always say so. This same "lack" lets a good many who venture in the poultry arena to be counted out while they are down. Hustle, brothers, hustle. It is the hustler to-day that succeeds in occupations of any kind.

There is a difference in opinion about fat hens. Some declare fat hens are good layers and others are equally sure that they are not. If we see cows that are very good milk producers they are generally those that "manufacture" food into milk instead of fat and are generally what is considered quite lean. An active, sprightly hen is the one we expect eggs from, and the one fat hen is apt to become very lazy—a condition not conducive of egg-laying. Hens can be too lean or thin for egg-laying as well as too fat. When the "happy medium" between the two conditions can be determined, then will we have solved an important enigma.

Some of the poultry "fish" stories of to-day are quite peculiar, but don't touch the fairy-style tales of the long ago. Listen to this from a poultry book published in 1844: "Java Bantams: These are perfectly white, but present no peculiar characteristics of form or structure; their habits, however, are in some respects so singular as to demand especial notice. The cocks are so fond of the hens eggs, that they constantly break and suck them; and they have been known to attack the hen, to tear open the ovary, and eat the egg shells. To subdue this propensity her majesty's keeper gave the cocks first a hard-boiled egg, and then a marble one to fight with, taking care at the same time to keep them from any access to a real egg. No sooner was this done, than an attack on the false egg was commenced, which lasted for a week, till at last wearied with their fruitless labor, they gradually gave up all notice of them, and with that abandonment, as was anticipated, they ceased from their accustomed destruction of the eggs, and have never been known to attack them since." The poultry book says this story was found in a late London paper. Evidently the reporters in those days used a beverage that produced results much like that used to-day by reporters of some of our daily press.

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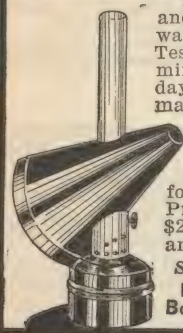
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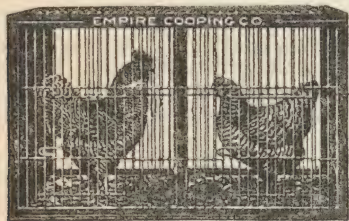
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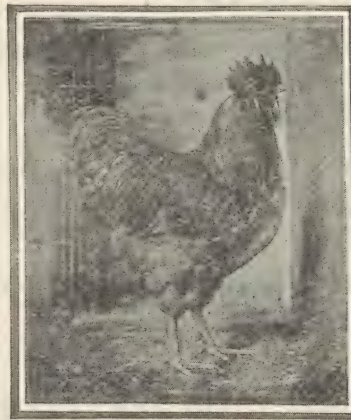
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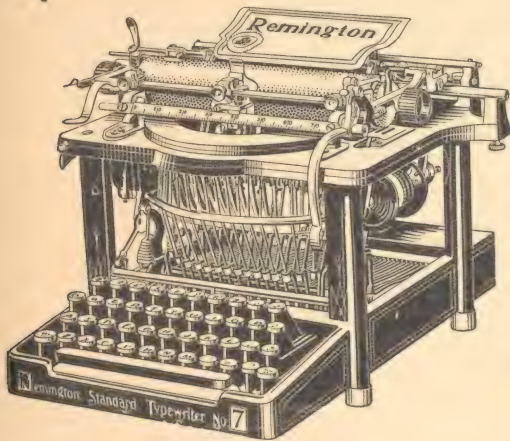
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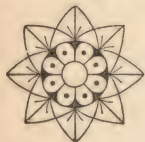
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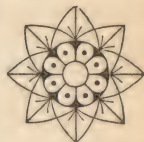
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Farmers As Poultry Raisers

BY W. THEODORE WITTMAN



The following address was delivered recently at a farmer's institute held at Allentown, Pa., by W. Theo. Wittman, one of the leading breeders of Brown Leghorns in the United States:

Last fall on the streets of this city one of our leading merchants, with a large retail trade in butter and eggs, engaged me in conversation. He wanted to know why it was that, situated as Allentown is, in the very midst of a growing farming country, his firm should annually experience unusual difficulty in getting enough fresh eggs to supply their trade. He thought the prices must be satisfactory enough, in fact, large enough to tempt anyone with sufficient room to make an effort to have lots of eggs to sell.

He wanted to know if he was right in this and especially why the farmers did not have more eggs.

In a fifteen minute talk I tried to answer his questions and, believing that many farmers, villagers and city people would be likewise interested, I shall repeat the substance here. Farmers don't have any more fresh eggs because, first, they do not have the stock that will lay many eggs. I believe that I am staying strictly within the bounds of fact when I say that the average annual number of eggs laid per hen on the farms of Lehigh County does not exceed 40 or 50 eggs, when the average number of eggs might be, should be, 140 to 150 per year. In other words each hen on the farms of Lehigh County to-day is laying 100 eggs per year less than she might lay or should lay. Counting each egg worth one and one-half cents this would mean \$1.50 per hen. Now how many hundred thousand hens are there in Lehigh County? Ascertain this fact and you could compute the enormous loss to the farmers of our county in dollars annually.

I say because they have the wrong stock. Poor laying stock. This poor-ness of stock is not due entirely as many might guess or claim, because it is dunghill stock and not pure bred stock.

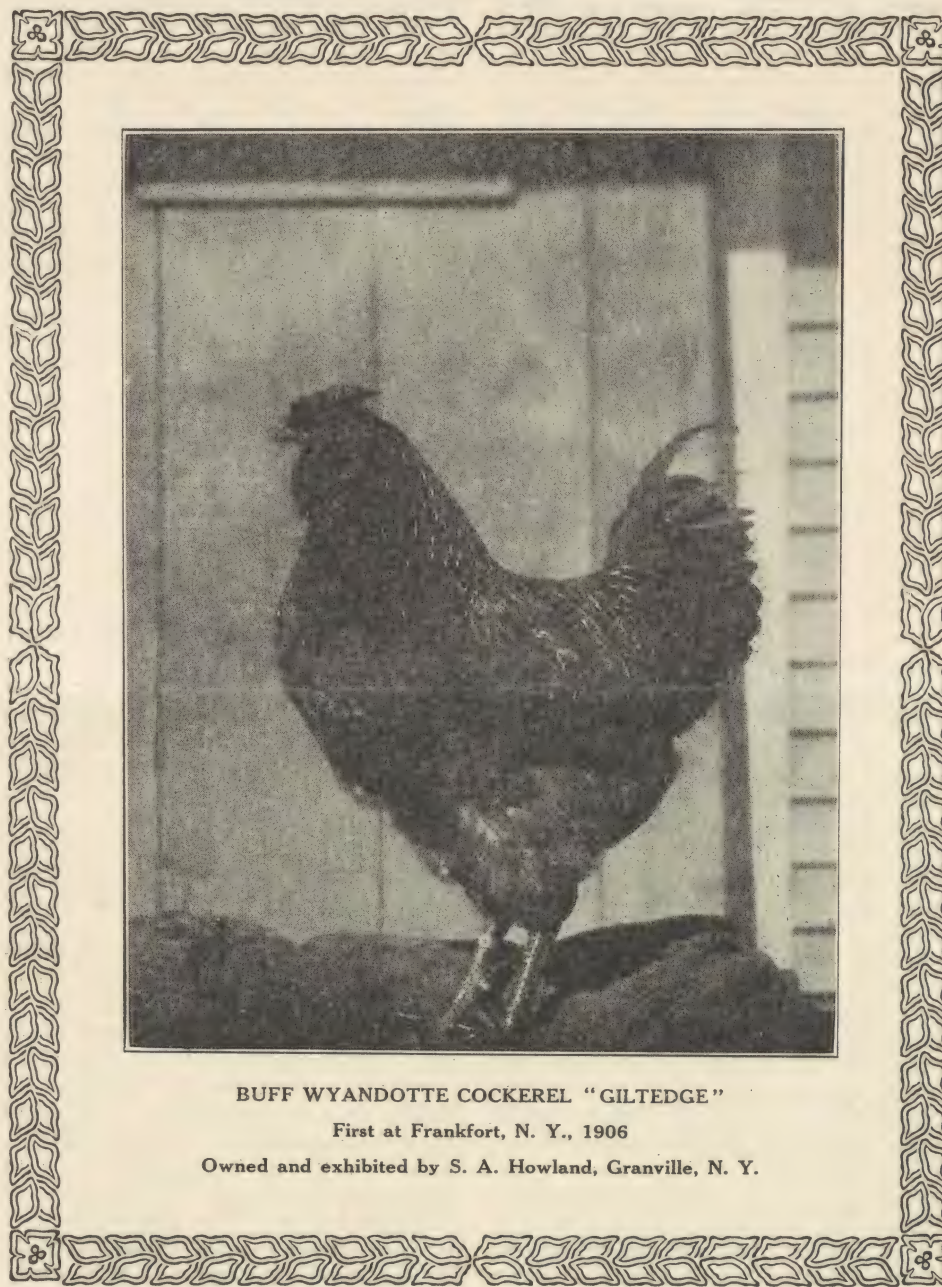
There are good layers among the dunghill stock, and, given many years of careful breeding, this stock might eventually be made a good laying stock.

It is to-day primarily a poor laying and unprofitable stock generally because it receives no breeding attention whatever.

Because of the way it is kept and culled.

Because of the way it is fed and reared.

Let me explain: Corn, the principal, I might say, practically, the exclusive grain feed of our poultry is when so



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fed a poor food for laying, a poor feed for rearing.

Corn means as a food, principally heat and fat. An exclusive corn-reared and a corn-fed hen is a half starved hen from the cradle to the grave. How then can she be a good laying hen?

Right here is one point which if heeded will be alone worth all the time spent listening to this talk.

If you must feed corn, and corn, outside of the fact that of its plentifulness and cheapness and convenience, fed in connection with other grains, especially in winter, is a valuable hen feed, I repeat, if you do feed corn, never feed flint corn, either yellow or white. Flint corn in comparison with small dent corn, fails because, first, it is too large in grains, is too hard. The large,

very hard flint corn requires twice the time for the preparatory swelling in the crop, and next the digestion in gizzard and bowels. For the same reason it is a severe and unnecessary tax on these organs and on the fowl itself. Dent corn can be usually be had in a small grain and is always comparatively soft, no harder than wheat, for instance.

But there is another strong reason why dent corn is preferable to flint corn. One you can best realize if when you come home you will take a pen-knife and divide a grain of both.

The flint corn will be almost the entire kernel, carbonaceous or heat and fat material. The dent corn will be different. Much less of this and more nitrogenous. Our farm poultry should

have more wheat, buckwheat, barley and oats fed them. The better way to feed these grains is to feed them mixed and to have all the corn cracked.

The only exception should be in cold weather when the corn may be fed late in the day as a whole grain. Being especially valuable when fed first partly parched in the oven.

But if the grain feed is wrong, what shall I say of the drinking water? Too often this is filthy water. In the summer time tepid and nasty, in winter icy. Often times the drinking water is the leachings of the pig pen and manure pile. This same manure pile and pig pen are the greatest stumbling blocks to more eggs on most farms.

The manure pile and pig pen rank perhaps first as the agents for the making of dunghills and their low value. A fowl that hunts the manure pile and pig pen is the counterpart of the man that haunts the saloon. Neither can nor does amount to much. The hen that haunts the manure pile is after the ferments found therein. These ferments foul her breath, taint her flesh and taint her eggs. Make her and her eggs unfit for human consumption. Well, you don't believe this! Catch a fowl roaming these unsanitary places. Open her mouth and smell her breath. Look at her plumage lacking in lustre! As a poultryman especially interested in fancy or thoroughbred poultry I know the high value in dollars and cents of poultry with fine plumage. You simply cannot find nice plumage on poultry with dunghill privileges.

Further proof—a manure tainted fowl gives out a characteristic odor when boiling in the pot.

An incubator full of eggs, laid by such poultry, will by the eighth or tenth day give you a strong whiff of the barnyard if you will have your nose at the door when opening it.

I say such poultry, letting alone their unprofitableness to their owner and grower, is not fit to eat. And worse yet are the tubercular poultry sold in your markets and eggs laid by such fowls. A tubercular fowl cannot always be told by simply looking at it, but as I go around in this city and look into the stalls of poultry awaiting sale as market poultry I have seen many a fowl plainly affected by tuberculosis.

If tubercular cattle are not fit for human consumption, then tubercular poultry is not either. And if an egg laid by a tubercular hen will hatch a chick with tuberculosis, then certainly there are tubercular eggs.

Tuberculosis among Lehigh County poultry mostly exists because of the unsanitary methods by which they are

housed and culled. This brings us to the second reason for the low egg average of the farmers' hen, the method by which they are housed and culled.

It seems utterly impossible to persuade most poultry keepers especially farmers, and I have had lots of experience with them, to kill or burn or bury weakly chicks or sickly fowls. No, not by any means are such ever killed and thus disposed of. A weakly chick will never be a profitable chick. Never be a good laying hen. When grown it will usually be the first to sicken and die, and worse yet be a source of contagion to healthy poultry. Sick fowls usually die sooner or later anyhow and if they do recover make the worst possible stock to breed from.

The housing of poultry is such a broad subject that it can only be lightly treated of here. The two most important things are to have a tight house on north, east and west sides and so arranged on the south that it is practically wide open here the year round, and not missing a single ray of sunshine possible. This for adult fowls.

Chicks should have weather and rain-proof houses. These two things will pay several hundred per cent. over the cost and trouble. Will, if consistently followed out practically avoid the gape trouble—that scourge of young chickens, well rooted in our county.

Referring back to our third and original reason. No poultry stock is the best laying stock unless it is bred that way, and the only way to breed a good laying strain is to breed only from males direct out of a prepotent and proved good laying line of hens. To make this plainer—suppose your home flock has an unusually heavy laying hen. Set her eggs separately and select from among her chicks, cockerel that impresses you as partaking most of her characteristics. Breed such a cockerel back to his dam, your fine layer. Again set the eggs separately and mark the chicks. You now have a lot of males three-fourth the blood of your good layer and such males bred back into your flock are bound to produce a lot of females that will greatly increase the average egg yield.

And finally, what the farmers of this county want to do, is to put into their pockets the hundreds of thousands of dollars (the egg product of this country annually sells for over \$180,000,000) which they are now missing, is to exchange their dunghill stock for purebreds. I don't mean cross-bred or the cheap pure breeds currently passing as good enough for farmers.

I would especially recommend White, Brown and Buff Leghorns, White and Barred Plymouth Rocks, White and Silver Wyandottes.

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That there are only two sorts or classes of females worth the expense time and risk of sending across country to be bred to outside males, and one of these we do not consider of great value. First, the line bred female that comes from a long line of dams that produced good young. In this case you are reasonably sure of getting offsprings very much like the line dam is from, and unless that is good, no breeder worthy the name would send her away to be bred. In this case you retain your type and good qualities, and gain by getting fresh blood. The other class of dam referred to, is the one who invariably breeds young like the sire. There is an advantage in this sort in one way only, judged from the standpoint of an expert breeder: That in case you are wanting something to show this dam can be sent to the best, most typical male, and there is a likelihood of her breeding something above the average for show. But get from a dam in most cannot be depended on as breeders. That, the dam whose offspring so strongly resembles the sire is, in nearly every case, a high strung, nervous, sensitive animal, and that it is more her mind than her breeding that effects the offspring, mental impression, more than hereditary effects, and consequently the young from such a union who return are used for breeding, may revert toward either parent, or to neither, and is unreliable.

That, the same underlying principles govern all lines of live stock breeding, and the laws and rules that apply to one apply to all.

That, the man who is gifter to see beauty of form, harmony of parts, in any line of animals, and has any love for another branch of live stock, could see the same qualities in them, as soon as he had given it proper thought and study.

That, the man who by careful breeding has been successful in improving the breed of his choice, could if an admirer, and thoroughly inter-

ested in another breed of live stock, make a success of the breeding of this breed also, just as soon as he had learned the different traits and characteristics of the different families, and posted himself on the different blood lines, and the desirable and undesirable traits they transmit.

That, not every man who owns and raises live stock is a successful breeder, any more than is all men who judge live stock a real judge. The former may be a good care taker and successful in raising animals or birds, but when it comes to breeding prime specimens in type and desirable breed qualities, apparently have no ability or insight in the secrets. The latter may have ability enough to discern between the cull, the fair specimen, and the good one, of the breed he is judging, but put before him 6 to 10 fair ones, or to make the test more severe, 6 to 10 real good ones, and the men are few, comparatively, that are gifted with the ability to lay all personal likes and dislikes aside, and put the blue ribbon on the best all-round specimen, and be able to show exhibitors why, as an all-round specimen of the breed, this one particular good one is better than the other good ones, as an ideal specimen. The judge who, when asked, simply tells you, "I liked this one the best," has not done his duty by you, and has about as good as admitted that he was not just exactly sure the specimen was the best, as a representative of the breed, according to the breed standard, but that there was something about him or her, that he, individually liked best.

That no breeder, or judge, is high-class, reliable, or of sterling worth to the business, who "rides hobbies" in breeding or judging, other than those that conform to the all-round standard specimen. Good heads, are very desirable, but a good head, or an extra good head, attached to an ordinary, or poor body that is carried about with poor legs, never yet, in the eyes of intelligent breeders or judges, made a good specimen. Good standard color, in any breed or variety is very desirable, but color without form is of little avail. First, and above all else, in all sorts of live stock, give us form; breed shape, harmony of parts, hold this, and then work on color.

That none of these desirable qualities can be obtained with careful selection, with an object in view, and by line breeding, and after by close inbreeding to stamp these qualities so they will stay, while you are striving to obtain some other desirable trait.

That the breeder who succeeds in producing a goodly per cent of prime specimens is always busy while awake. If there are times when his hands are idle, there is plenty to busy his brain. (No need to add, if he has any brain, for no man without this essential ever bred anything but trouble and foals.)

That, there is no occasion to worry about finding a market for all the good ones, any or all of us can pro-

duce, as they are the very sort that the demand exceeds the supply. It is the ordinary, and the poor ones that go begging for buyers, in any and all branches of the live stock trade.

That a forty word adv, one insertion, in The American Fancier, will sell all the 100 point hens, of all the Standard varieties, that you or I will raise in 1906.

D. E. B. O'NAIR.

Ventilation in Poultry Houses. Editor American Fancier:

Ever since I started in fancy poultry I have always tried to find some better plan to ventilate my house.

But until the last season I have been unable to keep my walls perfectly dry in winter. Last fall I built six new houses for laying and breeding purposes.

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I build my houses on the Colony plan and from years' experience I find while it requires more care for the same number of birds the results more than pay for the extra care.

I build them 16 feet long by 8 feet wide. Rear 4 feet front 6 feet, with a 7 foot post 3 feet front inside measurements. Dropping board 30 inches wide, 20 inches from floor in rear of house. House being low down but plenty high enough for ordinary man to stand erect all over it but back to the windows.

I bought two weights of duck, 8 and 12 ounces on the inside and I used the 8 ounce and on the outside I used the 12 ounce, and being in a hurry I simply nailed it over the spaces left for the windows. It should have been nailed on frames and hinged to a window frame to be raised when the weather would permit.

Now in each house I had two cloth windows each 30 inches by 36 inches.

In each house I put plenty of oat-straw just as it was thrashed, 6 to 8 inches deep, with 30 birds in each house which were kept there all winter, and, say, gentlemen, that straw never got damp even. Nor did I ever see a particle of dampness on the walls all winter, and for laying, I never had hens lay so in my life. While the houses built just the same, with same conditions except glass windows were damp all the time.

Now another season my houses will all have canvas windows with the exception of a very small sash in each house to admit more light on stormy days.

I know that my birds in the cloth window houses were much healthier and for a business proposition they paid me one hundred per cent. better than the glass window houses. I would be glad to hear of the experience of others on the subject.

CHARLES H. BRUNDAGE,
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It is just as well to clean your hen house once in a while, if you don't do it regularly. There are occasions when a hen house becomes unsanitary, and the dirty hennery is usually the one that is seized that way.

The most important feature in raising brooder chicks is to have a handy spot to be used as a cemetery. Then put on a brave spirit, and don't be down-hearted when your chicks drop off one, two or a half a dozen day.

AWARDS AT AUBURN SHOW.

Barred Rocks—Cock 1 Hovey & Fairbanks, 2, 4 Arthur G. Bouck, 2 Jas. Foord, 3 Geo. A. Owlett, 5 O. A. Mochler; hen 1, 2, 4, 5 Bouck, 3 W. J. Webber; ckl 2, 4, 5 Bouck, 1 Hovey & Fairbanks, 3 John Burth; pullet 1 Hovey & Fairbanks, 2 M. Beach Chapman, 3 A. G. Bouck, 4 Richard Treveal, 5 Bernard Osborne; pen chicks 1 Geo. Benham, 2 Hovey & Fairbanks, 3, 4 Bouck, 5 Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Cummings; pen fowls 1, 2 Bouck, 3 A. G. Barlow.

Partridge Rocks—1 Kriemheld Poultry Farm.

White Rocks—Cock 1 Lewis Harrington, 3 Philo Adams, 4 C. E. Dalton, 5 Kriemheld; hen 1 Kriemheld Poultry Farm, 2 Lewis Harrington, 3, 4 C. E. Dalton; ckl 1, 2 Harrington, 4 C. E. Dalton, 5 Adams; pullet 1, 2 Harrington, 3, 4, 5 Dalton; pen fowls 1 Adams, 2 C. E. Dalton; pen chicks 1 Harrington, 2 Dalton, 3 Adams.

Buff Rocks—Cock 1 Howard Tryon, 2 A. W. Dakin, 3 Ed J. Watkins, 4 S. J. Westlake; hen 1 John H. Hatch, 2 A. W. Dakin, 3, 4 Howard Tryon, 5 Westlake; ckl 1, 5 A. W. Dakin, 2 John H. Hatch, 3, 4 Drevendst & Hutchings; pullets 1, 2 Drevendst & Hutchings, 3 S. J. Westlake, 4 Howard Tryon, 5 Dakin; pen chicks 1 Dakin, 2 Drevendst & Hutchings, 3 Tryon, 4 Marsh C. Foster; pen fowls 1 Westlake.

White Wyandottes—Cock 1, 5 F. C. Lisk, 2 John Baity, 3 Jas. N. Prue, 4 J. H. Vandenbosch; hen 1 Prue, 2 Albert Eysvogel, 3 A. G. Warner, 4 Lisk, 5 H. Roy Bush; ckl 1, 2 A. Warner, 1, 5 Lisk, 4 Budd Gambee; pullet 1 Lisk, 2 W. R. Sperry, 3 Gambee, 4 Baity, 5 Warner; pen fowls 1 Lisk, 2 Kriemheld Poultry Farm; pen chicks 1 Baity, 2 Sperry.

Silver Laced Wyandottes—Cock 1, 2 Geo. W. Disinger, 3 Fred I. Roe, 4 V. Fowler; Hen 1, 4 Disinger, 2, 3 Roe; ckl 1, 5 Matthies Bros., 2, 4 Disinger, 3 Leroy W. Seigfried; pullet 1, 2 Disinger, 3, 4, 5 Roe; pen fowls 1 Kriemheld Poultry Farm; pen chicks 1 Disinger, 2 A. V. Fowler.

Golden Wyandottes—Cock 1 M. C. Davis, 2 Kriemheld Poultry Farm; hen 1 Kriemheld Poultry Farm; ckl 1, 2 J. R. Steele; pullet 1, 2 J. R. Steele.

Buff Wyandottes—Cock 1, 2, 4 C. H. & A. D. Churchill, 3, 5 J. H. Scott; hen 1 C. P. Dewitt, 2, 3, 4 Scott, 5 G. W. Augentine; ckl 1 C. H. & A. D. Churchill, 2, 4 Dewitt, 3 Scott, 5 Augentine.

Silver Pencilled Wyandottes—Cock 1 Kriemheld Poultry Farm, 2 F. M. Davis; hen 1 A. G. Warner, 2 Davis; pullet 1 Warner.

Partridge Wyandottes—Cock 1, 3 A. J. Sutesinger, 2 John L. Carpenter, 4 Geo. B. Turner; hen 1, 2 Carpenter, 4 J. R. Steele; pullet 1 Carpenter, 2, 4, Steele, 3 Geo. B. Turner; pen fowls 1 Sutesinger, 2 W. H. Kober, 3 Carpenter; pen chicks 1 Carpenter.

Columbian Wyandottes—Cock 1, hen 1 W. R. Sperry; ckl 1 Sperry, 2 M. S. Gooding, 3 Mrs. J. H. Scott; pullet 1 Gooding, 3 Sperry; pen chicks 1 Gooding.

Black Javas—Cock 1, hen 1 Kriemheld Poultry Farm.

Mottled Javas—Cock 1, hen 1, ckl 1, pen chicks N. W. Hoag.

S. C. Rhode Island Reds—Cock 1 Walker Bros., 2 De Graff Poultry Farm, 3, 4 Upland Farm; ckl 1, 2 DeGraff Poultry Farm, 4, 5 Upland Farm; hen 1 Walker Bros.; pullet 1, 2 De Graff Poultry Farm, 3 Walker Bros., 4, 5 Upland Farm; pen chicks 1 Walker Bros.; pen fowls 1, 2 De Graff Poultry Farm.

R. C. Rhode Island Reds—Cock 1 Frederick H. Fuller, 2 Wm. H. Harris, 3 Fred Brewster, 4 Upland Farm, 5 C. L. Connell; hen 1 David Waldron, 2 Upland Farm, 3, 4 Mrs. J. H. Scott, 5 Connell; ckl 1 Scott, 2, 4 John A. Burgess, 3 C. L. Connell, 5 Upland Farm; pullet 1, 2 E. W. Exstae, 3 De Graff Poultry Farm, 4 F. Lee Rogers, 5 Scott; pen fowls 1 David Waldron; pen chicks 1 De Graff Poultry Farm, 2, 3 Waldron.

Light Brahmas—Cock 1 R. J. Blake; pen chicks 1 John Duncan.

Dark Brahmas—Cock 1 Kriemheld Poultry Yards, 2 Dr. Gerin; hen 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 Kriemheld Poultry Yards; ckl 1 Kriemheld Poultry Yards.

Partridge Cochins—Hen 1, 2, ckl 1, 2 J. B. Foster; pullet 1 Foster, 2, 3 Chas. F. Young.

Black Langshans—Cock 1 C. H. Scales, 2 E. J. Williamson, 3 W. Dakin; ckl 1, 4, 5 Williamson, 2, 3 Lee & Son; hen 1 A. W. Dakin, 2 Lee & Son, 3, 5 Williamson; pen chicks 1 Williamson.

White Langshans—Cock 1, hen 1, ckl 1, pullet 1 Fred W. Heur.

White Faced Black Spanish—Cock 1, 2, 3, pen chicks 1 Siem & Bartsch, 3 C. R. Adams.

White Faced White Spanish—Ckl 1 Siem & Bartsch.

Blue Andalusians—Cock 1, 4 W. V. Young, 2, 3 Jas. Brennan, 5 Empire State Poultry Yards; hen 2, 4 W. V. Young, 3, 5 Empire State Poultry Yards; ckl 1 Young, 2 Empire State Poultry Yards; pullet 1 Brennan, 2 Empire State Poultry Yards, 3, 4 Young, pen chicks 1 Young.

S. C. White Leghorns—Cock 1 Ed. G. Sprague, 2 Adams & Butman, 3 Geo. A. Barrows, 4 Siem & Bartsch; hen 1, 2 Barrows, 3 Albert Maybank, 4 John F. Miltner, 5 Guy S. Coats; ckl 1, 5 Maybank, 2 Barrows, 3 Reuben Dalne, 4 Adams & Butman; pullet 1 Maybank, 2, 3 Barrows, 4 Coats, 5 Sprague; pen fowls 1 Dalne; pen chicks 1, 2 Barrows, 3 Coats, 4 Lisk.

5 Robert B. Peck.

S. C. Brown Leghorns—Cock 1 Arthur Meyers, 2 Jas. Dwyer; hen 1, 2, 3 Hutchins, 4 Dwyer, 5 John Barty; ckl 1 Albert H. Greene; pullet 1 Dwyer, 2 H. D. Hammon, 3 Dwyer, 4 Barty, 5 Green, 3 Dwyer, 4 Myers, 5 Hammond; pen fowls 1 Dwyer; pen chicks 1 Dwyer, 2 Myers, 3 Chas. F. Young.

R. C. White Leghorns—Cock 1, hen 1, 2, ckl 1, 2, 3, pullet 1, 2, 3, pen chicks 1 Siem & Bartsch; pen fowls 1 Kriemheld Poultry Yards.

R. C. Brown Leghorns—Ckl 1, pullet 1 E. G. Lynch; pen fowls 2 H. L. Stevens.

S. C. Buff Leghorns—Cock 1 A. G. Barlow, 2 C. P. DeWitt, 3 Le E. Merihew, 4 Wm. Ewald, Jr., 5 B. S. Benerlein; hen 1, 2 Benerlein, 3 Barlow, 4, 5 Merihew; ckl 1 Merihew, 3 Benerlein, 4 Hoovey & Fairbanks, 2, 5 Ewald, Jr.; pullet 1, 2 Ewald, Jr., 3, 4 Benerlein, 5 DeWitt; pen chicks 1, Benerlein 2, Ewald, Jr., 3 Merihew, 4 Barlow.

R. C. Buff Leghorns—Cock 2 Kriemheld Poultry Yards; ckl 2 E. J. Ryan & Son; hen 1 Kriemheld Poultry Yards.

S. C. Black Minorcas—Cock 1 James G. Krenn, 2 V. E. Lincoln, 3 Amos Crane & Son; hen 1 Lincoln, 2 Harry Messenger, 3 J. G. Krenn, 4 Amos Crane & Son, 5 M. V. Allen & Son; ckl 1, 2 M. V. Allen & Son, 3, 4 Krenn, 5 John W. Duncan; pullet 1, 2 Krenn, 3 Lincoln, 4, 5 Duncan; pen fowls 1 Krenn; pen chicks 1 Krenn.

S. C. White Minorcas—Cock 1, hen 1 Mrs. J. G. Osborne, 2 Harold Richards; ckl 1 Mrs. Osborne; pullet 1 Mrs. Osborne.

R. C. White Minorcas—Cock 1, hen 1, ckl 1, pullet 1 Mrs. Osborne.

R. C. Black Minorcas—Cock 1 W. V. Allen; hen 1, 3 Allen, 2, 4 A. J. Lutesinger; ckl 1 Allen, 2 G. E. Ferris; pullet 1 Allen, 2 Lutesinges; pen fowls 1 Allen, 2 Lutesinger.

Anconas—Cock 1, hen 1, ckl 1, pullet 1 Mrs. Chas. Furness.

Silver Bearded Polish—Cock 1, hen 1 Kriemheld Poultry Yards.

White Crested White Polish—Pen fowls 1 Kriemheld Poultry Yards.

White Crested Black Polish—Cock 1, hen 1, ckl 1, pullet 1, 2 Geo. Conner; pen fowls 1 Kriemheld Poultry Yards, 2 Frank Claxton.

Silver Spangled Hamburgs—Cock 1 Chas. Furness, 2 Kriemheld Poultry Yards; hen 1, 3 Furness, 4 Robt. Newbold; ckl 1, 2 Furness, 3 Newbold; pullet 1, 2 Furness, 3 Newbold; pen fowls 1, pen chicks 1 Furness.

Black Hamburgs—Cock 1, hen 1 Kriemheld Poultry Yards; ckl 1 Robt. Newbold.

Red Caps—Cock 1, hen 2 John Barty.

Colored Dorkings—Pen fowls 1 Kriemheld Poultry Yards.

S. C. Buff Orpingtons—Cock 1, 2 C. A. Watling, 3 A. Pierce, 4 J. B. Foster, 5 Irving Crocker; hen 1 Watling, 2, 4 Foster, 3 Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Cummings, 5 Crockers; ckl 1, 3 Pierce, 2 Mrs. J. C. Osborne, 4 Crocker, 5 Watling; pullet 1 Crocker, 2, 3, 5 Pierce, 4 Watling; pen fowls 1, pen chicks 2 Pierce.

R. C. Buff Orpingtons—Cock 1, hen 1 Cramer & Roy Pierce.

S. C. Black Orpingtons—Cock 1, 4 C. A. Watling, 2, 3 Upland Farm, 5 William Gifford; hen 1, 5 Watling, 2, 3, 4 W. H. Gifford; ckl 1, 2, 3 Gifford, 4 Watling, 5 J. M. Hutchins; pullet 1 Gifford, 2, 5 Upland Farm, 3, 4 Watling; pen fowl 1 Watling, 2 Gifford, 3 Upland Farm; pen chicks 1 Gifford 2 Hutchings, 3, 4 H. V. Young, Upland Farm.

S. C. White Orpingtons—Cock 1 Irving Crocker, 2 Kriemheld Poultry Yards; 3, 4 M. S. Gooding; hen 1 Crocker, 2, 3 Earl Gifford, 4, 5 Gooding; pullet 1 Gooding, 2, 3, 4 Earl Cook, 5 Crocker; pen fowls 1 Gooding, pen chicks 3 Gifford.

Houdans—Cock 1 Walter Bros., 2 Arch W. Jones 1 Walter Bros., 2 Jones, ckl 1 Walker Bros., 2 Jones; pullets 1 Jones; pen fowls 1 Jones.

B. B. Red Pit Games—Cock 2, Merritt Bros., 3 John A. Clark, 4 E. J. Watkins, 5 James Dwyer; hen 1 John Clark, 2, 3 Dwyer, 4 W. H. Harvey, 5 Merritt Bros.; ckl 1 Clark, 2 Merritt Bros., 3 Dwyer; pullets, 1, 3 Dwyer, 2 Clark, 5 Merritt Bros.; pen fowls 1 Clark.

Pit Games—Cock 1 W. E. Talby; hen 1 Kriemheld Poultry Yards; ckl 4 Talby, 5 Watkins; pullet 2 Talby; pen fowls 4 Kriemheld Poultry Yards; pen fowls 1 Talby.

Cornish Indian Games—Cock 1, hen 1 Kriemheld Poultry Yards.

B. B. Brown Red Bantams—Cock 1 C.E. & Lottie Ellis; pullet 1 Howard Stevens.

Brown Red Bantams—Cock 1, hen 1, pullet 1 Kriemheld Poultry Yards.

Red Pyle Game Bantams—Cock 2, hen 1 Kriemheld Poultry Yards.

Golden Duckwing Game Bantams—Cock 1 Kriemheld Poultry Yards.

Silver Duckwing Game Bantams—Cock 1, hen 1, pullet 1 Kriemheld Poultry Yds.

White Game Bantams—Cock 1, hen 1 Kriemheld Poultry Yards.

Birchen Game Bantams—Hen 1, ckl 1, pullet 1 Kriemheld Poultry Yards.

Golden Sebright Bantams—Cock 2 John Clark; hen 1 Clark, 2 Thos. Hume, 3 Kriemheld Poultry Yards; ckl 1 Clark; pullet 1, pen chicks 1 Clark.

Silver Sebright Bantams—Cock 1 Ernest G. Lynch, 2 Thos. Hume; hen 1 Kriemheld Poultry Farm, 2 Hume.

Buff Cochins Bantams—Cock 1 E. G. Bidlake, 2 Winwood Bant Yds; hen 1, 2 Winwood Bant Yds; ckl 1 Winwood Bant Yds; pullet 1 E. G. Bidlake, 2, 3, 4 Winwood Bant Yds; pen 1 Winwood Bant Yds.

Light Brahma Bantams—Cock 1, hen 1

Kriemheld Poultry Yards; ckl 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, pullet 1, pen 1 Mrs. J. H. Scott.

Dark Brahma Bantams—Hen 1, pullet 1 Earnest G. Lynch.

Rose Comb Black Bantams—Hen 1, pullet 1 Kriemheld Poultry Yards.

Rose Comb White Bantams—Hen 1 Kriemheld Poultry Yards.

Black Tailed Japanese Bantams—Cock 1 Siem & Bartsch, 2 Thos. Hume, 3 Kriemheld Poultry Yards; hen 1, 4, 5 Siem & Bartsch, 2 Hume, 3 Kriemheld Poultry Yards; ckl 1 Hume, 2, 3, 4, 5 Geo. Conner; pullet 1 Hume, 2, 3 Conner.

Any Other Variety Bantams—Ckl 1, pullet 1 M. O. Davis.

Belgian Hares—Buck young 1 Orville Osborne, 1 E. J. Ryan & Son, 2 Charles Branchle; Doe young 1 Branchle, 2 E. J. Ryan & Son; Doe and litter 1 Branchle.

Rabbits—Doe and litter 1, 2 E. J. Ryan & Son.

Angora Cats—Male 1 Mrs. F. L. Arnold, 2 Harvey Huff.

Coon Cat—3 C. E. & Lottie Ellis.

Bitch Ferrets—1 G. A. Dwyer.

Albinos Ferrets—1 G. A. Dwyer.

Raccoon and Dog—1 Mrs. Thos. Ryan.

Pearl Guineas—1 Mrs. J. H. Scott.

Mandarin Ducks—Cock 1, hen 1 Foster Parker.

Wood Duck—Cock 1, hen 1 Foster Parker.

Mallard Duck—Cock 1, hen 1 Foster Parker.

Black Duck—Cock 1, hen 1 Foster Parker.

Pintail Duck—1 Foster Parker.

Golden Pheasants—Cock 1, hen 1 Foster Parker.

Silver Pheasants—Cock 1, hen 1 Foster Parker.

English Pheasants—Cock 1, hen 1 Mrs. Thos. Ryan.

Pea Fowls—Ckl 1, pullet 1 Ed. W. Tripp.

Pekin Ducks—Cock 1 Frank Van Nostrand, 2 Leroy Seigfried, 4 Oscar Stenzel; hen 1, 2 Van Nostrand, 3 Mrs. R. D. Button, 4 Oscar Stenzel, 4 Seigfried; ckl 1 Seigfried, 2, 3 Van Nostrand, 4 Hicks, 4 Button.

Pekin Ducks—Pullet 1, 2 Van Nostrand, 3 Seigfried, 4 Hicks, 5 Button; pen young, pen old, Van Nostrand.

Rouen Ducks—Cock 1, 3 Howard Tyron, 2 Kriemheld Poultry Yards; hen 1 Kriemheld Poultry Yards, 2, 3 Tyron, 5 Button; ckl 1, 3 Tyron, 4 Button, 5 Kriemheld Poultry Yards; pullet 1, 2 Tyron, 3, 5 Kriemheld Poultry Yards, 4 Button; pen 1 Tyron.

Cayuga Ducks—Cock 1, hen 1 Mrs. R. D. Button; ckl 1, 2, 3 H. E. Harmon; pullet 1, 2 Harmon, 3 Button.

Indian Runner Ducks—Cock 1, hen 1 Irving E. Cook, 2 Mrs. R. D. Button, 3, 4 G. A. Dwyer; ckl 1, 2, 3 Cook; pullet 1 Cook, 2 Button; pen old, pen young Cook.

Muscovy Ducks—Cock 1, hen 1, pullet 1 Mrs. R. D. Button.

White Muscovy Ducks—Cock 1, hen 1 Mrs. R. D. Button.

Aylesbury Ducks; Crested White Ducks—Cock 1, hen 1, pullet 1 all to Mrs. R. D. Button.

Grey Call Ducks—Cock 1, hen 1 Mrs. R. D. Button, 2 Kreimheld Poultry Yds; pullet 1 Button, 2 Kreimheld Poultry Yds; ckl 1 Kreimheld Poultry Yards.

Toulouse Geese—Cock 1, hen 1 Dr. John Gerin.

Emden Geese—Cock 1, hen 1, ckl 1, pullet 1 Ed. Tripp.

White China Geese—Cock 1 Ed Tripp, 2 L. Seigfried; hen 1 Seigfried, 2 Tripp; ckl 1, pullet 1 Tripp.

Brown China Geese—Cock 1, hen 1, ckl 1, pullet 1 Ed Tripp.

African Geese—Cock 1, hen 1, ckl 1, pullet 1 Ed Tripp.

Wild Geese—Cock 1, hen 1 Ed. Tripp.

Buff Pied Geese—Cock 1, hen 1 Ed Tripp.

Mammoth Buff Geese—All to Ed Tripp.

Grey Geese—Cock 1, hen 1 Dr. John Gerin.

Canadian Geese—Hen 1 Foster Parker.

White Holland Turkeys—Cock 1 Fred DeGraff, 2 Oscar Stenzel; hen 1 Oscar Stenzel, 2 DeGraff; ckl 1, pullet 1 DeGraff.

PIGEONS.

White Pouters—Cock 1, hen 1 F. A. Jordan.

White Pied Pouters—Cock 1, hen 1 (1905) cock 1, hen 1 A. G. Sincerbeaux.

Blue Pied Pouters—Hen 1, 2 A. C. Sincerbeaux.

Red Carriers—Cock 1, hen 1 M. B. Chapman.

Silver Cream Carriers—(1905) hen 1 M. B. Chapman.

White Fantails—Cock 2 Robt. Westover, 3, 4, 5 Ben M. Willis; hen 3 Westover.

White Fantails—Cock 1, hen 1, 2, 4, 5, cock (1905) 1, 2, 3, 4, hen 1, 2, 3, 4 Ben Willis.

Black Barless Swallows—Cock 1, hen 1 Robt. Westover.

Blue Wing Turbits—Cock 1 Paul Kober, 2 Sincerbeaux; hen 1 Sincerbeaux, 2 Kober.

Red White Side Tumblers—Hen 1 Robt. Westover.

Almonds—Cock (1905), hen 1 Mrs. J. H. Scott.

Splash—Cock 1, hen 1 Mrs. J. H. Scott.

White Jacobins—Cock 1, hen 1, cock (1905) 1, hen 2 Herbert R. Forshay, cock 2, 3 Mrs. J. H. Scott, hen 2, 3 Scott.

Yellow—Cock 2, Mrs. J. H. Scott; hen 1 Forshay, 2, 3 Scott.

Red—Hen 1 H. R. Forshay, 2, 3 A. C. Sincerbeaux; cock 1 Mrs. J. H. Scott.

Black—Cock 1, cock (1905) 1, hen 1, 2,

3 H. R. Forshay.

A. O. C.—Hen 1 Mrs. J. H. Scott, 2 H. R. Forshay.

Yellow Magpies—Cock 1, hen (1905) 2 A. C. Sincerbeaux.

Blue—Cock 1 W. H. Harris.

Archangels—Cock 1, hen 2, (1905) hen 1 F. A. Jordan.

Blue Check—Cock 1, 2 W. H. Harris, 3 Stubbs & Harvey, 4 M. B. Chapman; hen 1 J. G. Atwater, 2 Harris, 3 Stubbs & Harvey.

Red Check—Cock 1 W. H. Harris, 2 Dr. S. J. Fairbanks, 4 John Gerin, cock (1905) 1 Dr. Fairbanks.

Silver—Cock 1 John Gerin, 2 Dr. S. J. Fairbanks, 3 W. H. Harris; hen 1 Dr. Fairbanks, 2 Gerin, 3 Harris.

Blue Flying Homers—Cock 1 W. H. Harris, 2 M. B. Chapman, 3 Stubbs & Harvey; hen 1 W. H. Harris, 2 Chapman, 3 Harris, 4 Stubbs & Harvey; (1905) cock 1 Harris, hen 5 Harris.

Black—Cock 1, hen 1 John Gerin.

White—Cock 1, 2, 3, 4, hen 1, 2, 3, 4, (1905) cock 1, 2, 3, 4, hen 1, 2, 3, 4 all to W. H. Harris.

Black Check Show Homers—Cock 1, hen 1, (1905) hen 1, cock 1 W. H. Harris.

White Dutchess—Cock 2, hen 2 J. G. Atwater.

Yellow Dragoons—Cock 1, hen 1 A. C. Sincerbeaux.

White—Cock 1, 2 A. C. Sincerbeaux.

Red Crested Hemlets—(1905) cock 1, hen 1 A. C. Sincerbeaux.

Java Sparrow—Cock 1, hen 1 Jas. J. Dwyer.

ROWLAND'S ROUND-UP.

A few days ago I took a trip out on Long Island and visited the farm of Sidney Y. Sullivan, at Greenlawn, who breeds White Wyandottes on a farm of about fifty acres. Sid. is a farmer and only carries chickens as a side line. His main house is 150 feet long, faces the south, and is divided into ten pens, each 10x10. A three foot alley runs the length of the house, and gates open into each pen. A brooder house 40 feet long adjoins the breeding pens, and a cook room 10x12 is at the extreme end. This makes it very convenient as all the work can be done under one roof. The house stands in an apple orchard, and large shady runs are provided for the breeders. Some fifteen colony houses are set around under the trees and the young stock enjoys free range which is so necessary to insure size and vigor. I found about seventy breeders of very good, even quality, one pen in particular was headed by a nice cock, pure white, and with a good body. The hens were all good birds and laying well.

I then went to Wm. H. Lewis' place at Huntington, L. I. Mr. Lewis is one of the old school of poultry breeders, having done most of his exhibiting in the early 90's; he can therefore tell of many pleasant memories of those early battles in the show room. Here I found some of the finest Partridge Wyandottes I have ever seen. The females had the narrow distinct penciling that is so much sought after by breeders. The males were a rich mahogany color and had the true shape of a Wyandotte. White Indian Games, which so many people think are extinct, were there in the true Indian type and pure white color. They are too good a breed to die out. Mr. Lewis also has some Cornish Indians and White Cochins Bantams that show remarkable quality. One of the features of the Lewis Farm is, that as Mr. Lewis hires the place, all the buildings are made portable, even his brooder house, which is 12x40, knocks down into sections 6x6. All his breeding pens, colony houses and brooders are the same way. The farm is an ideal one for raising chickens, there being plenty of shade and grass, with a stream running across the farm. The young stock all drink from the brook, so no water is necessary for them. In fact, this farm is as nice a place for raising show poultry as can be found. That is, as I have found.

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CHICKEN POX

A Disease Requiring Scientific Investigation

In tropical countries we meet with diseases amongst fowls which are either very rare or unknown in Europe; Chickenpox is a notable one of these. Vain is the search for information on this topic in the poultry books of Great Britain, for it is practically unknown there; and it is necessary to turn to books that deal with poultry keeping in the tropics to find any mention of it.

The object of this article is to call attention to some interesting facts and fancies regarding the disease and to urge members of the club to closely observe and study the same.

The disease in Ceylon is well known by the Singhalese under the name of "Wusuria" or "Kookul Wasunguthey" and by the Tamils as "Visoorie," this is the same name as is given to smallpox in man; though of course there is no connection whatever between the two diseases.

The disease is quite a localized one in the sense that it is not a constitutional disease. It commences and is usually confined to the face, comb, wattles, ears, earlobes, nostrils and mouth. It is sometimes found in the bare patch of the chest under the wing, but this occurs only in advanced and neglected cases and is due to the affected bird rubbing its head there to alleviate the irritation. It is said also to occur on the feet, this being due to the foot being used to scratch the pox on the head. The disease is well known in India. It is also well known in Caledonia, Guina, Jamaica and the West Indies generally.

It is a very remarkable fact that the reputed causation of this disease is exactly the same in the West Indies as it is in Ceylon. Here the natives hold that it is some way connected with the Cashew nut, that the disease comes with the Cashew season. The fowls are supposed to get it by either eating the thin shell, or dry membrane surrounding the nut, which everybody knows by experience tastes very bitter and acrid. This view is identical with that held by the natives in Jamaica, New Caledonia, etc. The coincidence is remarkable though it lacks scientific basis.

While on the subject of "native opinion," it is interesting to note that the cure for the disease is also identical on both sides of the globe. The negroes in the West Indies believe that the one cure is the free application of the juice of the lemon. Here in Ceylon both amongst Singhalese and Tamils the great remedy is the free application of the juice of the lime. Doubtless many have seen the appu or cook squeezing out the lime juice into the head and into the eyes, nose and mouth of the wretched fowl. The efficacy of the treatment is as useless as their theory of causation is incorrect.

The disease as has been stated is a very localized one, being practically confined to the head. It is very contagious and breaks out in regular epidemics. The disease varies greatly in virulence; some epidemics are very mild, whilst others devastate the whole poultry yard.

While the disease is all one, there are two distinct varieties or types of it, which for all practical purposes may be termed the dry and the moist; or, better still, the Warty and Vesicular. The difference only depends upon the surface upon which the pox develops, i. e., whether on the epidermis (skin) or on the mucous membrane.

If the pox grows on the mucous membrane of eyelids or nostrils or mouth, it will be the Moist or Vesicular variety. If it develops on the skin of the face, or on the comb, wattles or earlobe it will be the Dry or Warty variety.

The Warty variety is relatively of little consequence. In some instances it may be left to run its course; the danger of doing that is that it may spread to the mucous membrane and then become the dangerous Vesicular variety. There is little danger in the warts themselves, they grow for a period and eventually after a fortnight or so drop Vesicular off and the bird is cured. The variety on the other hand is a most serious disease and will rapidly disseminate a yard.

The reason is obvious for this, the pox on the moist mucous membrane grows rapidly and is much larger than the warty pox. It commences as a small vesicle or moist papule which rapidly grows in size. If it begins on the conjunctiva it soon closes up the eyelids, which soon swell to an enormous size. The eyeball itself is at first never affected, but after the disease has gone on for several days the eyeball itself may become involved and destroyed. The effect of the swelling is to prevent the bird seeing and, thus being unable to eat or drink, wastes and dies.

When the pox is on the nasal mucous membrane, the whole nasal cavity at once becomes blocked. The bird breathes with open mouth and gasps for breath.

When the pox is in the mouth, the mouth or the throat may become much blocked with the pox, and the bird must die as it cannot eat or swallow.

The Dry or Warty variety consists of a small raised scab, crust, or wart, much the size of a split pea or gram. It is dark brown in colour, is hard, dry and roughish on the surface. It seems to cling to the skin like a limpet to a rock. If the wart is wrenched off a round shallow ulcer is found on the skin, the scab is the cap of the ulcer; there is little or no bleeding on removal.

Isa Tweed in his book on "Poultry Keeping in India" describes chickenpox and mentions that there are two varieties of it. He states that the disease is communicable to man (!) In this he surely must be in error.

The disease in the French possessions in the West is known as "Pian." A careful investigation of it was made by "Dr. N." and his report appeared in the "Bulletin de l'Union Agricole Caledonienne." This investigator discovered microscopically that the ulcer contained a fungus, a mycelium with spores, known as *Aspergillus fumigatus*; and this he found growing on the floor of every ulcer. He isolated it and successfully proved that this was

the cause of Pian. Some varieties of the fungus he found to "become very virulent under favourable conditions of heat and moisture."

He then investigated the question as to whence the infection came, and answers it thus "From grain and from the soil. The surface of the grain is the habitat by preference of the *Aspergillus*. We receive them in incalculable numbers in bags of rice. Scattered over the soil they there find the moisture and heat to maintain their virulence. In addition to this their resistant powers and their vitality are very great. Three or four years after cultivation they may be reproduced." If the rice were imported from India, it may possibly explain the introduction of this East Indian disease to the West Indies.

"Dr. N." makes one very remarkable statement that will need a good deal of corroboration, it is that the fungi "sometimes attack the eggs in process of incubation, and are thus transmitted to the embryo. The inoculation usually occurs through the medium of an abrasion on the delicate skin of the chicken about the bill and eyes."

It would be interesting to have the disease in Ceylon microscopically investigated for comparison with the findings in the West. Does the *Aspergillus fumigatus* flourish in the chickenpox? Can this fungus be found upon our paddy? Is the geographical distribution of this malady continuous with the commercial distribution of this grain?

Now as to the treatment of the disease. No internal remedy of any kind is required. The cure of the Warty variety is most simple. The following plan never fails to effect a complete cure. When chickenpox is discovered in a run do not think of isolating the sick bird. All the birds are probably infected with the fungus and nothing is gained by isolation, therefore let them remain and treat thus: First the bird that actually shows the Warty trouble is caught, the wart or scab must then be forcibly removed, say with a matchstick; when removed dip the end of the stick into some pure undiluted Jeyes' fluid and apply it firmly to the raw ulcer, rubbing it in well. Treat every wart in this way. The idea is to kill the fungus in situ. It is of no avail to apply the neat Jeyes' fluid on the top of the scab; it might as well be applied to the sole of a boot, for it would never reach the mycelium lying underneath. Every fowl that shows signs of the disease must be so treated. A fresh application should be made to each ulcer for the next two or three days at most; the disease will be cured. After the affected birds have had ulcers treated with neat Jeyes' fluid, all the apparently healthy birds in the run must be caught and have their faces, combs, wattles, beaks, earlobes, etc., well washed with some diluted Jeyes by means of a rag. The strength of this lotion should be a tablespoonful Jeyes to a breakfast cup of cold water. The healthy birds are to be thus treated for the next two or three days. The control of the epidemic is most marked. The most convenient time to do these washings is in the morning when the birds are first let out of the fowlhouse. It requires two people to do it, a servant catches the birds one by one, their faces are washed and the bird is then put out into the run. None of the birds so treated can acquire the disease.

"Dr. N." says that the Tincture of Iodine is a good thing to use on the ulcer. Jeyes' fluid will however be found safer and quite as certain.

What is to be done in the Moist variety of the disease? If vigorous treatment is not resorted to at once the affected bird must die. Therefore use Jeyes' fluid neat. Drop it freely into the eye, or nose and, if necessary, swab out the mouth with a feather dipped in it. This treatment can be confidently recommended. The incidence of the disease is remarkable. If a run contains imported fowls, or countrybred fowls from imported stock, such birds will be found in the first place to be more prone to the disease than the indigenous fowls of this country and, secondly, these birds suffer from it more severely than these indigenous birds which do contract the disease.

DATES CLAIMED.

Under this heading there will appear each week a list of all the shows claiming dates for the coming season. Secretaries of poultry, pigeon and pet stock exhibitions will confer a favor by sending in the dates selected as promptly as possible. It is not only a convenience and guide to secretaries of shows that have not selected their dates, but of great interest to readers of *The American Fancier*, a majority of whom are exhibitors.

The name of secretary and judges will be appreciated when sending in notices.

Aug. 21-24—Cortlandt, N. Y. Cortlandt County Agricultural Society, W. J. Greenman, Secretary.

Nov. 12-17—Houston, Tex., Howey S. Fox, Jr., Secretary.

Nov. 12-17, San Jose, Cal. Santa Clara Valley Poultry and Pet Stock Association, E. Van Every, Secretary, Edenvale, Cal.

Nov. 27-Dec. 1, York, Pa. C. T. Cornman, William G. Minich, Judges; J. N. Lovett, Secretary.

Dec. 3-9, San Francisco, Cal. California Poultry Association, J. C. Williams, Secretary, Fruitvale, Cal.

Dec. 4-8—Youngstown, O., H. J. Cossler, Secretary.

Dec. 4-8—Wilkes Barre, Pa., David T. Miller, Secretary.

Dec. 4-8—Providence, R. I., Rhode Island Poultry Association, W. I. Brown, Secretary, 6 Exchange Place.

Dec. 5-8, Grand Rapids, Wis. Grand Rapids Poultry Association; E. G. Eggert, Secretary; Frank Heck, Judge.

Dec. 5-8, Paterson, N. J. Paterson Poultry, Pigeon and Pet Stock Association; Charles Frost, Secretary.

Dec. 6-9—Danbury, Conn., C. H. Brundage, Secretary.

Dec. 11-14, Lewistown, Mo. Lewistown Poultry Association; A. O. Brooking, Secretary, La Belle, Mo.; Frank Heck, Judge.

Dec. 12-14—Kingston, N. Y., F. E. Miller, Secretary, Rifton, N. Y.

Dec. 12-15—Corsicana, Tex., W. E. Elliott, Secretary, Box 281.

Dec. 12-15, Fresno, Cal. Fresno Poultry, Pigeon and Pet Stock Association, George R. Andrews, Secretary.

Dec. 12-15, Stoughton, Wis. Stoughton Poultry Association; Sylvanus Ames, Secretary; Frank Heck, Judge.

Dec. 19-22, Holland, Mich. Holland Poultry and Pet Stock Association; L. S. Sprietsma, Secretary; Frank Heck, Judge.

Dec. 19-22, Mohnsville, Pa. Wyomissing Poultry Association; George W. Hatt, Secretary, Mohns' Store, Pa.; Charles T. Cornman, Judge.

Jan. 7-11, Aurora, Ill. Aurora Poultry Association; Walter M. Smith, Secretary; Frank Heck, Judge.

Jan. 8-11, Middletown, Conn. Middlesex County Poultry, Pigeon and Pet Stock Association; Arthur L. Clark, Secretary.

Jan. 9-12, Alameda, Cal. Alameda County Poultry Association, C. G. Hinds, Secretary.

Jan. 9-13, Chilton, Wis. Chilton Poultry and Pet Stock Association; A. Stransky, Secretary; Frank Heck, Judge.

Jan. 15-19, 1907—Kansas City, Mo., P. H. DePree, Secretary.

Jan. 15-19—Angola, Ind., Tri-State P. and P. S. Association, W. K. Sheffer, Secretary.

Jan. 16-20, Charlotte, N. C. Charlotte Poultry Association; W. B. Alexander, Secretary.

Jan. 28-Feb. 2, Cleveland, Ohio. Cleveland Fancier's Club Co.; F. L. Gruchl, Secretary; 1922 Woodland Ave.

Jan. 30-Feb. 2—St. Albans, Vt., C. O. Barrett, Secretary.

Feb. 5-9, Hudson, Mich. Souther Michigan Poultry Association; Ed. R. West, Secretary; Frank Heck, Judge.

The Gedney Farm Poultry Yards

WHITE PLAINS, NEW YORK

The Gedney Farm Poultry Yards, on the possessions of Howard Willetts, at White Plains, Westchester County, New York, may be classed as one of the finest in the country, without any fear of contradiction. The half-tones accompanying this touch-and-go article give the reader a pretty good general idea of the plant, so it is only necessary to say that Frank W. Gaylor is in the management, and every reader who is in the least acquainted with poultrydom will know that everything is in good hands.

In fact the entire plant was established under the personal supervision of Manager Gaylor, who has had a



Yards won this by obtaining fifty-seven points out of a possible sixty; there were about two thousand birds cooped for this show. Some of the local exhibitors made strenuous endeavors to capture the trophy, one in particular showing sixty White Leghorns, especially for the purpose. Gedney Farm obtained the award by about twenty points over the strongest competitor for the silverware and honor, having showed sixteen Buff Orpingtons in the open class and two breeding pens; there being sixty-four Buff Orpingtons in the competition. The Gedney Farm won 1st, 2d and 3d cock, 1st, 2d and 3d hen, 1st, 2d and 3d cockerel,



BUFF ORPINGTON BEAUTY

long experience in this direction. The main features of the plant are its practicability and labor-saving devices, that being Manager Gaylor's strong suit in such particulars which so becomes the thoroughly practical poultryman as he is acknowledged to be with the legions who are proud to call him a friend.

The half-tone of the Country Gentleman's Silver Cup, which the Gedney Farm Poultry Yards won at Albany, N. Y., January 10-13, 1906, for the best display in all varieties competing, is one of the most cherished prizes in the large collection gathered in by Manager Gaylor. The Gedney Farm Poultry



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BUFF ORPINGTON BEAUTY

1st, 2d and 3d pullet, and 1st and 2d pen on Buff Orpingtons at this exhibition; besides 2d cock, 2d and 3d hen, 1st, 2d and 3d cockerel, 1st, 2d and 3d pullet in the Cornish Indian Game class at the same show.

At Madison Square Garden, January 2-6, 1906, Gedney Farm won first and American Orpington Club Special Ribbon on pen, fourteen pens competing; and third on pullet.

Single Comb Buff Orpingtons, White Wyandottes, Cornish Indian Games and Single Comb Black Minorcas are the specialties on the Gedney Farm, the latter being fed for egg production only.





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The Black Wyandotte Cockerel illustrated on title page is a beautiful picture, but hardly conveys the real fine points of a bird that was considered the best cockerel of this variety we have ever handled. Being typical in shape when shown in the coop, grand in head and comb, he had that lustrous green plumage so much sought after by lovers of black fowl. Mr. Weed has a prize in this bird, but his "Weedlets" has others growing up that are in the same class. There are no weeds in Weed's flock. They are pulled up before they grow seed.

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Mr. Frank M. Thomas, Jr., Catskill, New York, has purchased the entire flock of Indian Games formerly owned by James Windsor, of Johnstown, N. Y., and will make a specialty of breeding this fine variety in the future. Mr. Thomas is fortunate in securing such a good strain of birds as Mr. Windsor possessed. We are glad to note the increasing interest in Cornish Indians and trust Mr. Thomas will be very successful in raising a fine bunch of youngsters for the fall and winter campaign.

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Fred. W. Hughson, manager of the big Mundy Farms, Big Flats, N. Y., advertises some rare bargains this week in Cochins, Hamburgs and Wyandottes. He will dispose of all these, including the winners at many shows,

in order to make room for the Mediterranean varieties and Plymouth Rocks which he will breed in the future as he is going extensively into the egg and broiler business.

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One of the busiest boys in the poultry district of New York these days is "Billy" Stanton. His place on Dey street, is filled daily with buyers of fine poultry, pigeons, dogs, cats and everything else in the live stock line, for Sir William sells anything and everything in the animal kingdom that has fur or feathers and even has been known to sell a Mexican hairless dog if the opportunity affords. W. J. Stanton has built up a fine trade by using strictly honorable business methods.

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The York City Poultry, Pigeon and Pet Stock Association will hold its first annual show November 27th to December 1, 1906, at York, Pa. The following officers are in charge: President, L. G. Plath; Vice-President, Dr. J. B. Kain; Secretary, J. N. Lovett; Treasurer, A. C. Epply; Superintendent, J. C. Plathy, all of York. The Judges selected are: Charles T. Conance and William G. Minnerty. This first annual function of the above society should prove a big success, as York and its vicinity is as full of chicken fanciers as a Bowery restaurant is full of flies in August. The erudite Cornishman and debonair "Hamburg Bill" Minich will have plenty of work cut out for them.

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The Mating List sent out by the Gedney Farm, White Plains, N. Y., is one of the neatest and most instructive we have seen this season. The able manager of that fine plant, the veteran Frank W. Gaylor, is not only a fine chicken culturist, but knows how to use the English in a clean cut style when describing his birds. The great specialties on this great poultry plant are Orpingtons, Indian Games, S. C.

Black Minorcas, White Wyandottes and Embden Geese. It goes without saying that the quality is of the highest.

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Our old friend, T. Farrer Rackham, who is and has been in charge of the cooping department of Spratt's Patent since the latter started his American branch some twenty years ago in New York and Newark, informs us that Spratt's are just terminating the largest and most extensive show season in the history of the company. Among the list of dog, poultry, pigeon, cat and pet stock shows contracted for are: The Westminster Kennel Club Dog Show, Madison Square Garden, New York City, the L. K. A. Kennel Club Show, Mineola, L. I., New York Poultry Show, Madison Square Garden, Englewood Poultry Show, Boston Poultry Show, Mechanic's Building, Duquesne Kennel Club Show, Pittsburgh, Pa., and the Lynn and Haverhill Dog Shows, Port Richmond Dog and Poultry Shows, Staten Island, Scranton Poultry Show, The Diamond State Poultry Show, Wilmington, Del., Wolverine Kennel Club Dog Show, Detroit, Mich., Memphis, Tenn., Dog Show, Cincinnati Poultry Show, Cleveland Fanciers Poultry Show, Cleveland, Ohio, Newark Poultry Show, Paterson Poultry Show, Rutherford Poultry Show, Wisconsin Kennel Club Dog Show, Milwaukee, Wis., Washington, D. C., Dog Shows, Mineola Poultry Show, Dover Poultry Show, Trenton Poultry Show, and the Buffalo Kennel Club Show, Buffalo, N. Y. We are also making arrangements at the present for the Atlantic City Kennel Club Dog Show, St. Louis Dog Show, San Francisco Dog Show and a number of others. A big list for so early in the season, and an indication of what the Show season of 1906 and 1907 promises to be.

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All records will be broken as far as the number of poultry shows to be held in the United States and Canada are concerned. It will require a big additional force of judges, and should prove an excellent opportunity for the younger judges to make their mark. The supply of all varieties in judges is exceedingly scarce. The fact is: The varieties of poultry have increased more rapidly than the list of available judges that are familiar with each and every one of the standard varieties. Specialty judging has to a certain extent overcome some of this lack of competent judging material at the large shows, but at many of the smaller functions the size of the cash box and its contents limit the number of judges often to one lone individual, and the latter is frequently compelled to score and judge by comparison, varieties he is not well posted on, and this leads to many of the little kicks we hear at shows.

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This is particularly true of the Game and Game Bantam section of important shows. Judges that are thoroughly familiar with these varieties are scarce to an alarming degree. There is nothing in the feathered line that requires more skill in judging than Games and Game Bantams. It takes a genuine and experienced breeder of the latter to appreciate the fine points of a real royally bred bird. Many have tried their hand at judging these varieties and were found wanting.

This reminds us of the fact that America's premier judge of Games and Game Bantams, Senator Alexander Ferguson Peirce, of New Hampshire, has again received the call to judge these classes at the great Toronto Show next fall. Although our friend, Miller Purvis, once referred to "Alec" Peirce as one of the younger judges, he made a grievous mistake and evidently sized up the little Game expert by his ever youthful face. For it is a fact that the Senator, barring a bald spot on his coco, is as young looking as he was twenty years ago, when he and Spaulding were rivals in the big Game classes. The Hon. Mr. Peirce bred Game chickens when some of our young judges and editors were being started in life on Mellen's food.

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The hen and the cow have been fighting each other for the supremacy in the commercial world for many years, and "biddy" has demonstrated the fact that "bossy" must join the Down and Out Club. The latest solar plexus delivered by the feathered lady to the hairy quadruped happened in England recently and the scene of the battle was the River Thames and the participants the Oxford and Cambridge boat crews. A special cable to the New York Sun on the famous race contained the following:

"The race of this year had a special interest, and the result was watched for by others besides the sporting public of Great Britain, for Cambridge's victory is one of eggs. When the Cambridge crew began its practice on the Thames a few weeks ago its performance did not promise any improvement on its racing form of last year, when it lost to Oxford; but suddenly it improved wonderfully, and the rumor went around that the improvement was due to eggs. The rumor was true; the men were dieting on eggs. Four eggs each for breakfast was a mere trifle for the Cantabs. The staple of their daily food was eggs."

"Of course there was a good deal of ridicule at first, but the experts in such matters took a serious view of the innovation. For example, Dr. Willoughby, a well-known expert on food products, said, when interviewed:

"Eggs are really the only concentrated food known. When I am pressed with work, I find nothing better than a few eggs broken into milk and swallowed. In sustaining power I think they are as good as a hearty dinner."

"Dr. Willoughby added that he was not surprised that the Cambridge crew should be doing so well on eggs, eggs being practically all food, and easily digested. The Cambridge oarsmen were further cheered by the information that the famous St. Leger winner, Birmingham, which beat the Derby winner Priam for the great Doncaster race in 1830, was trained for the race on an egg diet."

In the same dispatch it further states:

"So Cambridge persevered with eggs, while Oxford and her partisans sneered. Meanwhile, of course, all good Cambridge men in London had to eat eggs. There was a tremendous run in the capital's restaurants and boarding houses for eggs, and the price of eggs in the market went up. It is likely now to go higher."

The London comic papers found a great opportunity in the new training diet, and "Punch" and its rivals were full of remarks upon the 'eggstraordinary diet,' the 'interesting eggperiment,' &c."

The effect the above produced on egg dealers and consumers in the United States was remarkable. Eggs advanced four cents a dozen in twenty-four hours.

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Unfertile eggs taken from incubators are often thrown away as being useless. This is a mistake. Such eggs when removed from an incubator after the first test, and which are perfectly clear, are fit to use for baking, and bakers readily buy them. We have used them for such purposes and found nothing to complain of on the score of being tainted. But they should be sold as "Tested Unfertile Incubator Eggs," and not rushed in the market and palmed off on the grocer as fresh eggs. That is a fraud, pure and sim-

le, and no poultry farmer who values his good name should be guilty of such practices. There is no business that requires a stricter regard for absolute freshness and high quality in all products sold from the ranch than the poultry and egg business. Poor butter can be detected, but there is a pile of sin encased in a suspicious egg.

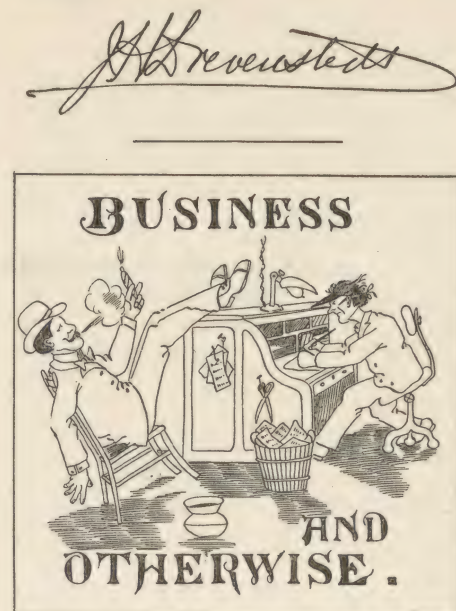
Some of our learned friends, scientists and ration mixers for chickens, will be interested to read the following little report in regard to chicken feeding that may jar their "intellectuals" to the verge of despair. But these practical little jolts are all to the good. They make us all start the machinery working in the gray closet. Our esteemed contemporary, the Rural New Yorker, started a query regarding egg yields, &c., and requested the readers of that excellent paper to speak out in meeting. Here is what a gentleman or lady who signs himself or herself, V. R. W., and who hails from Lysander, N. Y., has to say:

"We have 48 hens, most of them Buff Orpingtons, and the remainder grade R. I. Reds, and three days during the present Winter (January 14, 22 and February 17), they have laid 35 eggs. On many other days they have laid more than 30, while the daily average for the month of January was a fraction over 28. Our hen-houses are not very warm, and have been cleaned only four or five times since the first of October. The fowls have had no meat, cut bones, animal meal nor commercial grit. They have been heavily fed and are very fat. Many of the other pet theories of poultrymen have been thrown to the winds, but the lady of the house is very fond of hen society."

We do not question the above; others may, for they have that privilege. On the face, it looks contrary to the rules our poultry savants formulate. Years ago when we were in the egg business and drove many miles each week to gather up eggs from poultry raisers with whom we had contracts for fresh eggs, we remember several instances where we always secured the best supply of eggs in the coldest months of the year. One was in the village nearby, where a lady had a big bunch of Leghorns in a very small house and a not over large yard. She fed Indian corn whole only, the extra feed being table scraps, and occasionally some wheat bran. Once only, we heard her complain that she did not get quite as many eggs as the week before and that was because she ran out of corn and had to feed "Injun meal," as she called it. The other place was a farm where some two hundred Leghorns were kept. The only feed at night in cold weather was whole corn, warmed on the stove, and fed in that state to the hens. In the morning a mash of wheat middlings and table scraps was the simple breakfast. All we have to say is, the Leghorns delivered the goods, and the eggs were first-class in quality. These are facts. Still we did not feed our hens that way, preferring a ration in the morning of one-third bran, one-third ground oats and one-third corn meal, mixed and steamed with cut timothy and clover hay; with wheat or corn at night, and fresh beef bones twice a week. Oyster shells ad libitum and four inches of gravel on the floor. That was the complete outfit of feeding. The results as shown by our egg records justified this system of feeding. The quality of the eggs was excellent and the condition of the hens in the spring as fine as could be asked for.

The Buff Wyandotte cockerel, "Gilt-edge," first at Frankfort, N. Y., 1906,

illustrated on another page of this issue, was exhibited by Mr. S. A. Howland, Granville, N. Y. He won in very strong company and is one of the high-grade Buff Wyandottes that it is a pleasure to handle. He's all to the Buff, as "Andy" Riddell would stop to remark.



Secretary-Treasurer Chas. H. Brundage, of the Western Connecticut Poultry Association, of Danbury, Conn., announces that the boys are hustling for specials and the prospects are brighter than ever for the show, which is scheduled for December 5-8.

The fellow with a grievance often visits this office. The grievance is usually against some other fellow, and the grievance has in most instances arisen from some egg or poultry deal. While we have an ever ready ear to hearken to hard-luck tales, we sometimes weary with the monotony of the wind-up of all these little confidential talks.

In about every instance it is pointed out to us that we should roast this or that fellow, merely because it is alleged that he has done something out of propriety in poultrydom.

When pinned down to business, the fellow with a grievance rarely has the faith in his own case to put it over his own signature, and then he goes away with a sore feeling in his heart towards The American Fancier.

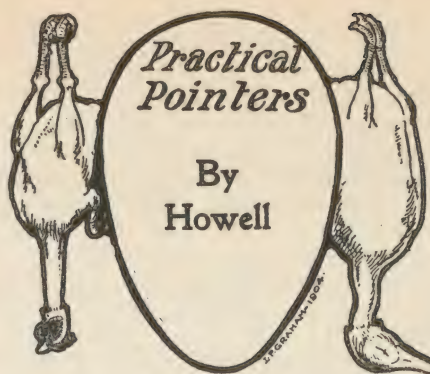
The American Fancier believes in a square deal for every fellow, so the fellow with the grievance should remember that the other fellow has his side of the story, and The American Fancier always wants to hear the other fellow's story.

The display "ad" on another page speaks of our facilities for printing for poultrymen. We can show samples of catalogue work that has made some printers look cock-eyed with envy. No commission is too large or too small for us to give you a figure on. Right printing at right prices is our motto.

Robert T. Dennis

Publishers' Announcement!

"Brown's Budget" and several other good articles are held up this week, owing to other demands on our columns. Brown's Budget will hereafter contain notes on garden and farm.



I was recently shown a hen upon which a post-mortem had been performed, and asked to say if she had been killed by over-feeding. Although fat, the egg organs were in perfect condition and showed her to be on the eve of laying regularly. I promptly said no.

This party had been reading a few cautions and noted the evils occurring to corn-fed stock, and was sure corn had killed her hen.

At this season, when nature is inviting all creation out of doors, it is absurd to think a flock of Brown Leghorns having the run of a farm and on the move every moment throughout the day, could eat corn enough to kill them.

A horse who has an abundance of flesh worked on him is not handicapped by it for the work he is in the habit of performing.

A cow will produce a greater flow of milk for a longer period when in a condition approaching the market order.

Then why should a scrawny hen be expected to lay an egg a day and her fatter sister be expected to die?

Each feeder must be his own judge as to the quantity of food his stock will consume at a profit, and increase or decrease as results demand.

Keep things clean. How often shall we clean house? I answer, when we have the opportunity and the ambition.

The village poultryman cleans because he is forced to, but us farmer henmen we know there is money in cleaning for us.

The task is lighter when performed often.

It might pay the village poultry-keeper to hunt up a florist or gardener who would buy the manure after every house cleaning.

Have practiced a new scheme in my brooders. Under each section, the floor has been covered with chaff, raising higher for newly hatched chicks. On this I laid large burlap sacks and sprinkled sand on the sacks. When cleaning I find the sack warm for the little feet, and after dumping in a measure the sack is put back and sanded as before.

The cleanings from my brooder house goes under the apple trees and I look to be repayed with an annual crop of fruit.

The muslin front to my brooder house is working fine. My chicks look like young prize fighters and already are yearning for the freedom of the orchard.

The two items on the bill of fare they most relish is stale bread, soaked soft, mornings, and a small portion of green ground bone evenings, hoppers of whole wheat and cracked corn, to which oyster shell and charcoal is added, stand before them all the time, a light feed of ground grain is given them the first thing in the morning.

Where the large fowls and neigh-

bor's cats are troublesome around the coops of newly hatched chicks a roll of inch mesh wire will soon pay for itself. I have always used the wire alone, but it is unhandy; am going to procure some discarded light wagon tires for the bottom, and after uniting the ends to complete the circle, fasten two strips, crossed, at the top for a handle, inside this I shall set my brood-coop for the first few days; think this will be first rate for bantams for two weeks at least.

Saw it exploited in an exchange, "that green cut bone was inferior to beef scrap, the bone causing the membrane of the egg to become so tough the chick could not break through." One poultryman answered that no trouble will be caused by the bone where it has to be ground by hand.

NEW YORK MARKET REPORT.

EGGS—Receipts for the week, 108,521 cases.

Nearby, f. g., selected,		
white, fcy.....	20	@ 22
Good to choice.....		@ 21
Extra, mixed.....		@ 20
Firsts.....		@ 19
Western, fresh gathered		
firsts.....		@ 19
Fresh gathered, seconds.....		@ 18 1/2
Fresh gathered, thirds.....	17 1/2	@ 18
Kentucky firsts.....		@ 19
Seconds.....		@ 18 1/2
Tenn. and other southern,		
firsts.....		@ 18 1/2
Southern seconds.....	17 1/2	@ 18
Thirds.....	16	@ 17
Western dirties, No. 1.....		@ 17
No. 2.....		@ 16
Checked eggs.....		@ 15 1/2
Duck eggs, Baltimore.....		@ 35
Western.....	30	@ 32
Southern.....	26	@ 30
Goose eggs.....	70	@ 75

LIVE POULTRY—Receipts for the week were 68 cars and 33 cars carried over from the preceding week.

Fowls, per lb.....		@ 13
Roosters, young.....		@ 10
Roosters, old, per lb.....		@ 7 1/2
Turkeys, per lb.....	14	@ 15
Ducks, western, average,		
per pair.....	75	@ 85
Southern, per pair.....	60	@ 70
Geese, western, average,		
per pair.....	1 50	@ 1 75
Southern, average, per		
pair.....	1 25	@ 1 37
Live pigeons, per pair.....	30	@ 35

DRESSED POULTRY—Receipts for the week, 10,817 packages.

FRESH KILLED—ICED.		
Turkeys—Average lots.....	16	@ 18
Old toms, selected (culls		
out).....	17	@ 18
Chickens, broilers—4 lbs		
per pair and under—		
Philadelphia, dry-picked,		
fancy.....	35	@ 40
Dry-picked, average run		
N P & Pa, dry-picked,		
fancy.....		@ 30
Dry-picked, average run		
Fowls—	20	@ 25
Philadelphia, dry-picked		
fancy.....		@ 13 1/2
Dry-picked, average run		@ 13
Western, dry-picked,		
selected barrels.....		@ 13
Dry-picked, average run		@ 12 1/2
Scalded, selected, bbls....		@ 13
Scalded, average run.....		@ 12 1/2
Other Poultry—		
Old cocks, dry-picked...		@ 10
Scalded.....		@ 10
Ducklings, Long Island and		
nearby.....		@ 20
Squabs, prime white:		
8 lbs to doz, per doz....		@ 3 75
7 lbs to doz, per doz....		@ 2 75
6 to 6 1/2 lbs to doz, per doz		@ 2 00
Mixed, per doz.....	1 50	@ 1 75
Dark, per doz.....		@ 1 50
Culls, per doz.....	50	@ 75

FROZEN POULTRY.		
Turkeys, hen, No. 1.....		@ 20
Toms, No. 1.....	19	@ 20
No. 2.....	14	@ 16
Old toms, No. 1.....	18	@ 18 1/2
Capons, western.....	18	@ 20
Broilers, milk-fed, dry-		
picked, 4 lbs and under to		
pair.....	21	@ 22
Dry-picked, 4 lbs and		
under to pair, No. 1...	18	@ 19
Scalded, 4 lbs and under		
to pair, No. 1.....	16	@ 17
Roasting chickens, milk-		
fed, dry-picked, fancy.....	16	@ 17
Soft meat, fancy.....	15	@ 16
Average, No. 1.....	12	@ 14
No. 2.....	8	@ 10
Fowls, No. 1.....	13	@ 13 1/2
No. 2.....	8	@ 10
Ducks, No. 1.....	14	@ 15
No. 2.....	12	@ 13
Geese, No. 1.....	12	@ 13
No. 2.....	8	@ 10



THE PIGEON FANCY IN AMERICA.

The pigeon fancy in this country is growing far more rapidly than we imagine, the past season's exhibitors verify this statement.

New names appear in the catalogue of the shows, showing indeed a very healthy state of affairs. The leading lofts have had a big demand for their stock; why, because the public have been educated principally by the press and the annual fixtures.

The Specialty Clubs have offered inducements in the way of specials, cups, etc., for the novice.

Most breeds in this country are represented by a specialty club and the popularity of these individual varieties have been through the untiring efforts of the members of that particular club. The Jacobin, Fantail, Pouter, Tumbler, Dagoon, Owl, Magpie, Oriental Frill, Carrier and Homer Clubs have all held their variety to the fore.

The competition for their specials have induced members to send abroad for the best that England produced. Their progeny are distributed among others, improving their strains.

The beginner is one who is benefited by these importations, he can generally purchase the descendants of these noted prize winners, and start with a strain produced by a specialist in that variety.

The past few years have brought some of the best Jacobins, Fantails, Pouters, Magpies and Carriers to this country.

To-day it is no unusual incident to see our American bred win over some imported Dairy, Crystal Palace winner, furthermore some of our American breeders not content to capture the blue ribbons over these imported celebrities have met their rivals on their own battle ground.

Messrs. Havemeyer Bros., the famous Fantail and Bantam breeders had the honor of winning first and the much coveted Trophy Challenge Bowl for the best Blue Fantail bred 1901.

Mr. R. F. Whitmer duplicated Messrs. Havemeyer Bros. success by winning with an American bred Black Pouter hen, first and special for the best Pouter at the Crystal Palace, London.

This is proof that at last the importations have told the tale that America can produce fancy pigeons equal, if not better than her mother country; why, because the best came to these shores and the fanciers in whose hands they fell bred better.

So it is with the beginner, if he will start right, it will place him closer to his more experienced competitor.

There is another art in pigeondom other than breeding, viz, handling and conditioning, this requires experience and with some breeds skill.

How many times the beginner is told

that he or she would have won providing the bird was in better condition. Of course, each variety requires different handling, but all show to better advantage if tame, this can only be done by caging and handling your pets, get them used to the cage, and when the judge is looking over their good qualities, they will pose instead of trying to find the top of the cage.

How many times this or that bird is passed on account of condition, hardness of feather or condition is given so many points in the standard of all varieties; right it should be as nothing adds more to the general appearance of a bird than fine, hard plumage.

Plenty of exercise, fresh water, a bath as often as possible, grit and good feed will keep most pigeons in the best of condition, providing they are properly housed. This subject we will try and take up in the next issue.

SEASONABLE HINTS.

It is very essential to have pure fresh water, before the birds at all times, two or three times a week a few drops of tincture or iron in the water will be most beneficial.

A few tobacco stems, thrown on the loft floor, will be speedily carried away for nesting material. Tobacco stems are vermin proof.

Keep mice out of the loft, they greatly disturb the birds in the nest, many times causing them to leave their eggs or desert their young.

Always use nest pans, they come in all sizes, for the different varieties, and can be had for about \$1 a dozen. They keep the eggs under the birds and many times the youngsters from being separated.

Don't be discouraged if you find the first round of eggs clear, this unfertility will in most cases be found lacking in the second round.

Eggs can be tested on the third or fourth day with certainty; if one finds them clear, and good eggs not available it is better to take their eggs away, and let them nest again.

A hen often suffers after laying the first eggs, leg weakness. This will generally disappear in a few days, and need cause no alarm, especially if a tonic be given when first noticed. Cod liver oil, which may be given in capsules is a most excellent tonic.

Give the birds a bath two or three times a week, choosing a pleasant day.

Grit is just as important as feed and should always be accessible to the birds.

A good ration for this time of the year is fifty pounds Canada peas, thirty pounds wheat, ten pounds Kaffir corn, five pounds millet and five pounds hemp seed—(One hundred pounds).

Just at present there is quite a controversy in the British Fantail Club regarding the sex of Mr. Stevenson's young white shown in the young hen class at the last Crystal Palace Show, where (he or she) won 1st, Silver Plate, two medals and Diamond Jubilee Cup for the best Fantail in the show.

It appears this bird, in the opinion of a few members of the Club, was shown in the wrong class.

According to Rule II, Challenge Trophy Rules, which reads:

"That where the sexes of the young class are divided, the sex of the bird awarded the Challenge Trophy shall be verified at the Club Show by a sub-committee of not less than three, but

if any doubt arises the exhibitor shall produce the bird in question for verification of the sex by the committee at a meeting to be held not later than January 15th, following the Show.

"If at the request of the Secretary of the Fantail Club, the bird is not produced by the before mentioned date, the exhibitor shall forfeit all right to hold the Trophy."

Mr. Geo. E. Gray, sometime after, we believe, entered a protest, but the bird in question had been sold to an American fancier. Strange to say, neither the owner nor myself can determine the sex of this bird and we anxiously await the decision of this committee.

Mr. Chas. F. Wagner, of Toronto, Canada, writes that he is breeding Fantails and Magpies, as well as Pouters, with which he was so successful last year. We understand that at a recent show he swept the boards.

We learn that Mr. Wm. Schock, the Western Fantail breeder, who was so successful at the last Boston Show with his whites and blacks, expects to show a strong team at Madison Square Garden, (Eastern Fantail Club Meet) 1907. Mr. Schock has a very strong stud in these colors, and will probably make it interesting for the veteran breeder, Mr. Alex Hay.

In looking over some of Mr. Hay's youngsters (for he has the good fortune of having quite a few) saw a few blacks carrying the largest tails we have yet seen on birds of their age, the same small round bodies, this strain is noted. Mr. Hay has paid considerable attention to his Caddles, the past few years, and has strengthened his stud by procuring new blood. This season he purchased a very fine bodied yellow hen, sister fifth N. Y., a daughter of which looks to be a strong candidate for the challenge bowl.

If Madison Square Garden can only bring Messrs. Johnson, Hay, Rowland, Havemeyer, Schock and Clements together in the black classes there will be "something doing" in Fantail alley.

Last week we had the pleasure of a visit to the home of Dr. Frederick C. Peterson, Smithtown, L. I.

The Doctor has been a fancier for quite a few years, known mostly in horse and dog circles. At the last pigeon exhibition at Madison Square Garden he became interested in the Dancing Fantail, and being a fancier he had gained by experience the way to start; purchased the best from the leading lofts, and before the breeding season started had such Fantails as 3d Palace white cock, very typical bird, grand style and action, great length of feather; white hen, daughter of 1st New York, a very small round hen, full of quality; 3d Boston black cock; 2d Boston hen; pair of imported Murray Reds.

At present these birds are housed in a section of his stable, divided as a Fantail loft, but he will shortly erect a building suitable for accommodating about 100 birds.

The Doctor has the stock and the nerve; we wish him every success.

A. M. Lockman

The number of poultry journals that have made their appearance during the last few months would be truly alarming if we were sure that they were born to continue. It is simply a case of the survival of the fittest, and The American Fancier was born too long ago to die prematurely.

Meriden Mentionings.

The Meriden Poultry, Pigeon and Pet Stock Association will hold their sixteenth annual poultry show, December 29, 1906 to January 2, 1907 inclusive, with the exception of Sunday, December 30th, on which day the show will be closed to the public. They have secured the services of Dr. W. H. Card, of Bristol, Conn.; Mr. David A. Nicholas, of Shelton, Conn.; and Mr. D. J. Lambert, of Apponaug, R. I., to judge the show, and their past reputation is a guarantee of fair treatment to all. The coming show will be a catalogue show, doing away with the old way of having exhibitor's number on the coops. Another feature that helps make the Meriden show a success is the fact that the Association has a bank account and always pays premiums on the last day of the show where possible.

Very respectfully,

W. W. STEETER.

Shirk Kicks.

Hanover, Penn.,

March 17, 1906.

Editor American Fancier:

Appropos of the article of Geo. M. Bell in the 10th inst. Fancier regarding the criticism of Buff Wyandottes at New York by a prejudiced outsider.

I also want to add my protest to the manifest unfairness, to say the least, of such criticism.

I also was an exhibitor there and accepted the judgment in my classes as being strictly honest and impartial. Then we read in same issue with the awards the criticisms of Geo. W. Weed on Silver Wyandottes, viz.: 3d hen (Beckett's) could have been placed first without much kicking from anybody; 1st pullet not the equal of 2d (Beckett's) in type and comb, and cockerel heading unplaced pen of Dr. Beckett, (nothing in sight but Beckett, he would have unhesitatingly given 1st in open class. Now, this bird was not entered in the open class and so where is the reason or fairness in unfavorably comparing the birds that in competition were awarded the ribbons, unless it is the evident and uncontrollable desire to play favorites against the winners, which are usually entitled to all they get, including an impartial write-up.

Yours very truly,

CHAS. S. SHIRK.

Three Pigeons Out of Two Eggs.

(New York Tribune, April 14.)

Orange, N. J. (Special)—Filled with a spirit of emulation by the deeds of their neighboring hens in Sussex County which lay eggs with handles on them, several pigeons belonging to Harry Beatty, a pigeon fancier of Washington, Warren County, have started in to hatch out a few wonders themselves. Recently Mr. Beatty placed two eggs under one of his homing birds. One of the eggs was somewhat large, and was evidently a double yolked one, for two birds were hatched from the egg. The twins are both active and perfectly formed. One is a trifle larger than the other.

The best method of cleaning a filthy hen house is to put ten pounds of dynamite in an empty shoe box, and place the same in the middle of the floor. Then light the fuse and retire to a safe distance. One treatment like this is usually sufficient for any ordinary hen house.

Weed's Wanderings

Well, my dear readers, I have wandered some since I last wrote you, for I am out of the United States altogether, and am up here in the King's domain. Yes, last week I crossed Suspension Bridge, receiving the usual order to open up grips and suit-cases, for the inspection of the Custom House officials.

Our destination is London, Ont., Can. We have to change cars at Hamilton, and having some three hours to wait, we take a stroll through the town.

The first thing that attracts our attention is the uniform of the police, their helmet has a strap that extends from one side down around between chin and mouth and up to the other side, what it is for I do not know; it looks as though they wanted to tie the hat on by passing the strap under the chin, but had cut it too short, and so let it hang across their face. They also wear a cape which gives them a sort of old womanish appearance.

Well, the train comes at last and we start for London in a driving snow storm. We are met at the station by that prince of fanciers, Richard Oke, whose name, I think, is known by every fancier in America.

We board a street car for his home, when another custom peculiar to the country is brought to our attention, the conductor came up with a something that resembled a square coffee pot without the spout. When he held it out in front of me I was at a loss to know whether he intended me to use it for a cuspidor or was offering me a drink. But "Dick" soon relieved me of the uncertainty by depositing a couple of tickets in a slit in the cover. Then I found out that the conductors here are not allowed to receive fares; the passengers deposit the tickets in the box and the conductor rings up just the same as in the States; it was simply another device to keep conductors honest.

We find the home of genial "Dick" a home of thoroughbreds, from himself and brother down to the canary. A parrot greets you in the morning with an inquiry after your health, the dogs wag you a cheerful good morning, the canary's give you their morning chorus, the Bantams, saucy and proud, demand their share of attention, while the "Creves," LaFleches, Javas, Cochins, and Hamburgs give you their morning greeting. The Jerseys in the barn give you a contented look, and the thoroughbred horse shows you that Mr. William Oke also has a love for pure bred stock.

I suppose there are very few fanciers in America that has been as successful in exhibiting poultry as has Richard Oke. Ribbons by the trunk full and the finest collection of Cups and Medals I ever saw together. Yes, Dick has got them in the best shows held in either country.

The next fancier we meet is no less than Wm. McNiel, too well known for comment of mine to introduce to the fanciers of America. Suffice to say that he is the same genial, sharp, and

in debate aggressive and convincing McNiel of old, and in chickens—well, ask those who have competed against him. Then to the yards of J. R. Boyce, the noted breeder of Barred and Buff Rocks. We take an ad from him for The American Fancier and feel certain that those dealing with him will be pleased with the results.

Then to one of the many banks of London to see Mr. Pringle, another Rock enthusiast. Then to the yards of H. H. Wallace and F. A. Andrews, both of whom think that White Rocks are the acme of poultrydom. We also had the pleasure of a hand-shake with J. H. Saunders and again met Lewis Sage, who has dark Brahmas that win the blue in grand shape.

In one of my home visits I take a run down through beautiful Stockbridge, in which town is located the yards of C. H. Willis. Cornish Indian Games and White Wyandottes are Mr. Willis's hobby and his winnings at the Madison Square and local shows are pretty strong proof that he has the goods. From here we take the train for Housatonic. Some half-mile south of the village is located the Rising Paper Mills. Mr. R. O. Harper, Superintendent of same, has what I consider an almost ideal farm. We find him at the mill; after a hand-shake and a little chicken talk we start for the farm, taking a short-cut and a row across the Housatonic. Mr. Harper demonstrates the fact that he can handle a boat as well as make paper. We arrive at the farm and find a herd of Jerseys that for individual merit we think hard to beat in America; their ed a deal of corn in their selection. fine, large, well-balanced udders show-saw. From the stables to the pigery, I consider as fine an animal, as I ever clean, velvetity, mellow coats, well sprung ribs, and better than all their pure bred blackness. A fine lot surely. Then to where we feel more at home; with the chickens. White Leghorns and White Plymouth Rocks are the fowls kept, and it is Mr. Harper's intention to get them up to the high standard of the rest of the stock kept. "Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's goods," I believe are words of holy writ, but I really think I almost forgot those words when leaving this farm, for a spirit of almost envy came over me for I do like a thoroughbred.

While here we call on P. Carty and his Buff Wyandottes. The genial Pat gets the chicken fever in chunks and certainly loves good birds.

Mr. Harry Albro's Black Minorcas were looking fine and so were his Wyandottes and Bantams.

I go home fully believing that love of pure bred fowl proves a heaven sent gift to very many.

Geo W Weed

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N. Y. S. Orpington Club.

The annual meeting of the N. Y. S. Orpington Club was held during the show at Auburn, January 20th, and Irving Crocker, of Seneca Falls, was elected President; W. H. Gifford, of Auburn, Vice-President, and Mrs. J. G. Osborne, Fabins, N. Y., Secretary-Treasurer.

The club is flourishing and feels very much complimented on the advancement made by the Orpingtons, there being 191 shown against 96 in 1905, and 35 in 1904. The club offered an elegant silver cup for best display, which was won by W. H. Gifford, on his grand display of Blacks. We hope next winter to be able to offer a cup for best display in all three varieties, Buff, Black and White. All State breeders are urgently requested to join, which they can do by sending one dollar with name and address to Mrs. J. G. Osborne, Fabins, N. Y.

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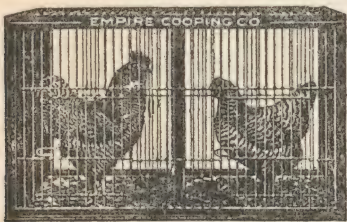
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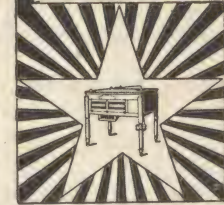
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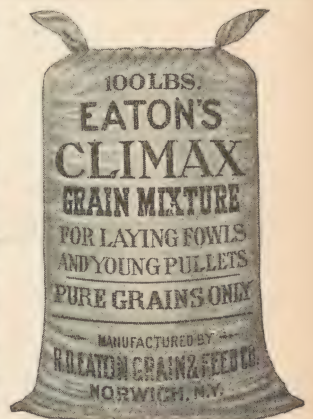
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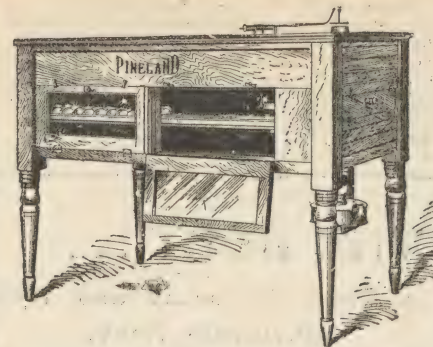
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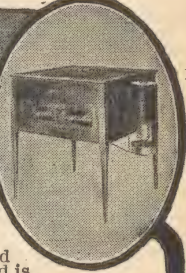
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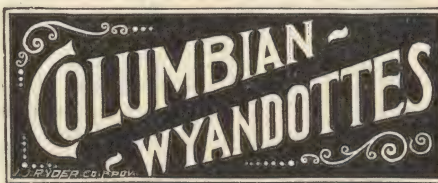



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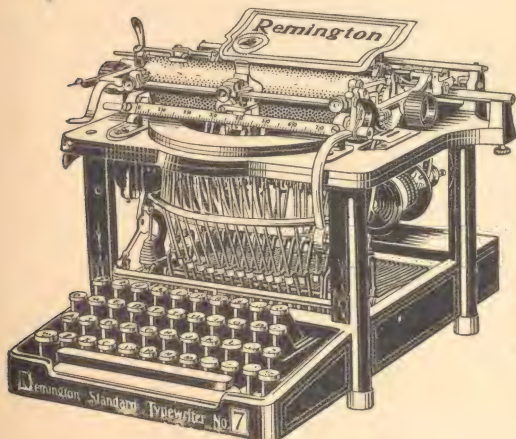
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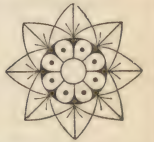
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DRAGOON BREEDING

BY R. W. CUNNINGHAM



(From Fancier's Gazette.)

It may be of interest to the would-be mealy men in the Dragoon Fancy to know that I have got a pure bred mealy Dragoon, of the correct colour, but failing in bar. It is no great shakes in type of beak, but has an excellent skull. He is bred by a lad here in Newark, and whom I gave a blue Dragoon cock to pair with a white Dragoon hen he had. The produce of this mating was a blue, a blue chequer, a red chequer, and a mealy—any colour you like, while you wait! The mealy has a ruby eye and a gipsy cere, so I am on the road, and have paired him to a mealy Antwerp (medium), exceptionally straight in face, with a fiery eye and a good gipsy cere. I am looking forward to getting some good stock from this matching. Talking of fiery eyes, where are they at the shows? Dark chestnut is now the prevailing colour, to which I should prefer bright orange. I do think that all the beauty of a Dragoon is gone if the eye is dull. Mr. Wood's criticism I am delighted with. It coincides with many Dragoon fanciers' thoughts, and still there does not seem to be enough spirit in the majority of the Dragoon Club members to enforce what they consider right, and stop these dull eyed, long feathered, unshapely Dragons winning on one point alone—shape of skull, which comes from cross breeding originally, and has carried with it ruination in respect to the color of iris! One or two men have been allowed to lead the flock to destruction! The masterpiece of Mr. R. Woods has been almost ruined, and I am glad to see he is speaking out to prevent his ideal sinking into oblivion.

Personally, I cannot understand men allowing themselves to be pushed into a back seat, when the bulk of them agree that the majority of the present winning Dragons are not of the correct type; giving absolutely to the one or two men who have the courage to enforce their opinions, all the cudos, all the glory in the eyes of the public, and all the sale for their produce. Taking all in all, and regardless of the type of birds winning at the present day, I must say the Dragoon has run off the lines, and the sooner we see the old Woods' type, with its upright carriage, fine well worked cere, and slow growing wattle, the better for the Fancy! It often amuse me to see how like men are to sheep. One man gets a craze, he has the cheek to propound his theories, and being a man of some force of character, many follow, all breed for the type he declares is correct, but he, wise fellow, had got into that type first, and so he goes on

winning so long as the sheep are working hard to get up to him. It is this changing of shepherd that has to a great extent ruined our Dragoon. Let us stick to the original, Mr. R. Woods! No man living can hold a candle to him for pigeon knowledge. He bred up to an ideal which he nearly succeeded in perfecting. What on earth are we doing backsliding? Why not try to finish his work, and insist on our judges awarding prizes to the correct winners, according to the club standard?

I, also, am not afraid to say that I should prefer an occasional change of judges, and should like to see someone outside "the little circle" judging at our great events. I would much like to see the old type of Dragons again in favour; moderate size, moderate beak, ruby eye, fine slow growing, long lasting cere and wattle, and a Dragoon to look at; not a crouching, runtish, dull eyed, heavy cered, montrosity! I have some old strain, Mr. R. Woods' Dragons, in my possession, with ceres like fine kid in texture, and they are five years old. I nearly ruined my whole stud by introducing new blood of a very different strain. Skulls I did get better, but the crouching position and general coarseness of cere, wattle and body, is a terrible eyesore!

Now skulls! If skulls are to be the leading point, as I think they should be, including the head properties as a whole, why on earth do flat skulled birds get in the money! Mr. R. Woods should have been at the Dairy show! All shapes were on view there—skulls I mean. The type of birds was the same throughout the winners.

An ordinary observer, with a fair knowledge of Dragons, often gazes in wonderment at a challenge cup Dragoon, and wondering how a bird with one or two such glaring faults should have been selected for such an honour. Perhaps the colour is wrong, or the eye dull; or the carriage crouching and feather long! Then why is it so honoured? When there are other birds better balanced all through in ideal points, but in reality not exaggerated in any. One often wonders why the judge does not see faults which every Dragoon fancier on seeing the honoured bird points out at once. I have seen a Dragoon with a flat skull, dull eye, and long feather, win at our premier show, and have seen twenty-three of the winning Dragons at one show flat in skulls, vide last year's Dairy show report. If you cannot see a flat skull, you can feel it; and if this is the greatest structural defect in a Dragoon's skull, and also a defect to avoid in the breeding loft, why is it so encouraged in the show pen?

To continue, I take up another item mentioned by Mr. Woods in his criticism. Filing the inaudible. I agree with Mr. Woods that the exaggerated filing back of the mandibles is an act of cruelty. In addition to this I consider that cutting and carving the ceres and wattles of Dragons is an unwarrantable and unmanly procedure, and should in this generation be stamped out. Cruelty is the animal passion remaining in the brutes who cut and trim their pets for the sake of winning a few prizes with them! I append the beautiful notes I have copied out of that charming paper, "The Country Side."

"To understand the lives of other animals—even if that understanding compels us to recognize that they have not our human consciousness—is to sympathise with their struggles and difficulties; and the idea of being cruel to them, should you entertain it for a moment, would show your unfitness to regard yourself as a civilized being. It would make you contemptible in your own sight. When the true knowledge of nature is universal, there will be no cruelty." Mr. Kay-Robertson also describes in the most beautiful literature that man is in the powers of evolution. The ideal man being Christ, in the likeness of his father, God. Man as he improves and approaches perfection will lose more and more of his animal passions and cruelty; and surely the lowest and most despicable form of cruelty is maiming and mutilating our pets, for the sake of fashion and monetary gain.

Let us breed for the old type that do not require cutting and faking, and then, at least, we will be progressing in our moral evolution, in addition to breeding pets on a Christian basis. In my humble opinion, if a man will fake a Dragoon's wattle or cere for the sake of a prize, he is in a sad moral state. I am glad to see M. G. S. Derriman writing on dubbing Bantams. A few prosecutions would soon change the fashion, which is barbarous, to say the least.

The Cornish Indians.

(By C. H. Yapple.)

That the Cornish Indian possesses as great a merit as any general pompous fowl is unquestioned by all who have bred them, and for broilers and roasters they are unsurpassed as any intelligent breeder of them will tell you. They will mature about three weeks before any other variety and one of the hardest breeds known, yet I have seen the question asked several times in the poultry papers, "Which is the best broiler and roaster?" The answer is invariably Rocks or Wyandottes. Now I would like to know if

these people that talk this way ever bred the Indians and Rocks and Wyandottes side by side to know the difference, or are they jealous because our English cousins augmented the breed. I fully realize that the Rocks and Wyandottes are a good fowl for I have bred them also, but in speaking of broilers we should not lose sight of the Storking.

Then again we see the question, "How are the Indians for layers?" Again the answer comes "Very poor." This answer reminds me of a prominent Judge and officer of The American Poultry Association who was scoring the birds at one of our winter shows where I was exhibiting several varieties of poultry and among them had a large exhibit of Indians and saw him looking them over and telling some onlookers that they were the poorest layers he ever saw and wondered why a man should keep such a bird, and a few moments later came to score them there happened to be some Malays in the adjoining coops and he scored the whole bunch as Indians. Now doesn't this show this party's experience as judgment of the Indians.

I do not claim the Indian will lay as many eggs as the Leghorn or Hamburg, but do lay enough to make them profitable for egg production. It is not merely the hen that lays the most eggs in a year that is the most profitable—it all depends on the season she lays them whether eggs are 12 cents a dozen or 40. There is where I claim the Indian gets in the egg business as they are good winter layers, and do not get broody until May or June, and you will not experience any trouble in breaking them up if you attend to them at once. They make remarkable good mothers.

In conclusion, I wish to give a few hints on breeding for double lacing which we have all been trying to get. The average exhibition male is a very poor specimen to breed from with the intention of getting double lacing on females; use a male with plenty of bay in breast, back and wing-bone, also hackle as the exhibition male has a tendency to breed the female too dark. If your hens are triple laced, use a male bred from a single laced female; it is a pretty good idea to keep a few single laced females in your yards; don't be afraid of too much bay as all Indians have a tendency to breed to dark instead of bay; it is much harder to breed the male for a good breeder, than the exhibition male.

One of the things we expect to see in the near future is a great Poultry Congress, made up of delegates from every county in each state in the Union.

BROWN'S BUDGET

April's smiles and tears keep the poultryman a going that has many broods out in coops. The regular poultryman, that is most of them, depend on brooder houses. There are, however, plenty of hen hatched and hen cared for broods. Keep the coops on elevated places where there will be no danger of having them inundated by sudden heavy rains.

Pinhead oatmeal is excellent for young chicks as soon as they will eat it. This should not be confounded with ordinary oatmeal for table use. Do not recommend oatmeal for real young chicks.

Barley is fed much in England, but it seems to be difficult to obtain in this country. Do the beer factories get a corner on the American crop of barley? Brewers grains are to be had at the breweries but poultry pick them over in a suspicious way and don't seem to be very fond of them.

Easter has again come and gone, and thousands of little chicks have been sold to perish by cruelty and neglect. The S. P. C. A. should get after those who offer these innocent little chirpers for sale. Saturday, I saw scores of youths carry yelping chickens in pasteboard prisons. It is a barbarous travesty on justice to allow live chicks to be sold as they are during Easter holidays. It is a method to teach cruelty to children. If they are fond of pets, give the children such that they can properly care for and make comfortable.

Don't be tempted to buy cheap incubators. It is always best and safest to buy of well known makers. A few dollars more is simply adding satisfaction in the end, as well as more hearty, properly hatched chicks. The prices now asked for incubators that are recognized to be about as perfect as it would seem possible to make them, is, indeed, very reasonable. Buy the best.

Breeding fowls should have plenty of room to run around in; should be in a condition to be active, always eager for their food. Make them scratch every day for the major portion of the day's rations.

The breeding season means a continuous hustle, and it is a time when the lazy man recognizes that the occupation is not according to his liking. The season is short and a big lot of work has to be accomplished. There can be no let up until the season is ended.

Don't condemn the male bird because he is a fighter. Such specimens show great vigor and are just the kind to head the breeding pens.

Watch your extra gallant males in the breeding pens that they do not

become weakened. It will pay to feed them extra, even if you have to do it by lantern light.

The national department of agriculture gives the following composition of the eggs of various kinds of poultry:

Hen egg—50 per cent. water, 16 per cent. protein, 36 per cent. fat.

Duck egg—46 per cent. water, 17 per cent. protein, 36 per cent. fat.

Goose egg—44 per cent. water, 19 per cent. protein, 36 per cent. fat.

Turkey egg—48 per cent. water, 18 per cent. protein, 33 per cent. fat.

Look out for the good cat now that the chirpers are around. Your good cat may be all right while home, but we have known such to visit the neighbors and feast on chickens. The only safe cat around a chicken yard where there are young chicks is one of the calico stuffed kind.

Don't condemn the man you buy eggs from, when all the trouble of poor hatches comes from a hen that does not do her duty properly. There are many cases where the trouble comes from such sources or ways.

The Dallastown, Pa., fanciers have changed the name of their association to "York County Fancier's Association," and have selected the date of November 26th to December 1st, 1906, for their next show, to be held at Dallastown, Pa. They will have a show that will be of quantity and quality both.

The "spring fever" has full possession of many city people and the suburbs are crowded with people looking for small places "just large enough to raise a few chickens on." Some of them that I heard figuring the other day were calculating every egg would hatch, and every chick would grow into a pullet, and every pullet would be laying eggs by Christmas. There's a miscalculation or sorrowful disappointment for someone coming "when the leaves begin to fall."

I hope Brother Zimmer will forgive me for making the one line quotation from a favorite song he used to sing.

G. O. BROWN.

Parkville, Md.

In feeding for egg production a valuable lesson may be learned from nature. The fowls that receive the least attention lay when eggs are the cheapest. Therefore, your efforts should be directed to making conditions as near as possible to nature. If you do not understand this item, a diagram will be furnished you free of charge.

There is money in the poultry business but it takes earnest, persistent work to get it out.

ANENT THE AMERICAN RED.

Dunellen, N. J.,
March 19, 1906.

Editor American Fancier:

Permit me to call your attention to a sentiment expressed in the letter of Dr. Wilcoxon in the last issue of The Fancier. I do not care to rush into print in answer to this kind of talk, because if these people will drop the controversy about the Reds I shall be glad to leave the subject alone, but I do not wish to have you personally misinformed, and I would like to have you take up your copy of Mr. Orr's notice of the amendments proposed for the last A. P. A. meeting and see what is the nature of the amendments which this man designates as the "Baerman Amendments."

The amendments to which he refers particularly are the ones relating to weights and colors. My proposed amendment increased the weight of hen to seven pounds and that of pullet to six pounds, but there are too many Red people who want to sell for breeders any little runt that happened to live and they stand together for a weight that will make the Reds despised inside of five years. These are the men who petitioned Dr. Wilcoxon to cast his several votes at Cincinnati against the proposed increase in weights, not because the smaller birds were better layers, but because they are more easily raised. The country is not looking for another small breed of layers, but there is a good field for a large breed that will lay eggs. None of the good shaped and handsome Reds that have been shown are anywhere near down to standard weight. Then take the subject of color. I proposed two amendments regarding undercolor. First, I did not see why a standard should say, "other things being equal, the bird with the best undercolor shall win." Why should we not say the bird best in surface color must win, other things being equal? That provision regarding undercolor seems to me foolishness, because a judge who knew his business would give effect to that provision in any case, but it also has its baleful influence on the judges who do not study the standard thoughtfully. I have seen a judge pick up a splendid bird, and, because, as I suppose, remembering this statement about undercolor, and, finding a little dark barring, throw the bird aside in favor of one good in undercolor, but worthless in other respects.

My other proposed amendment regarding undercolor was simply an effort to get a definite statement. The standard read "red or salmon," and I proposed the one term "reddish buff." I tried in this, as in all I have done about a standard for the Reds, to get a definite requirement, without an alternative, but the other Red fellows were true to their record and, therefore, strove for the alternative feature.

You have handled enough Reds to know that the undercolor of ninety-five per cent. is from a light buff to a deep reddish buff, and that any bird with a salmon undercolor will have a surface color that is very unusual. If they had used the word "red," and then attempted to breed to it, I would have had nothing to say.

I proposed one other amendment regarding color that proved unnecessary on account of the action of the Revision Committee in eliminating the alternative regarding black in the

hackle. I strove for something definite in this respect also, because I did not believe that it was conducive to the production of a high-class fancy bird to give men the option of breeding these birds either with or without black in the neck feathers. Had the Revision Committee not taken this matter into its own hands, I have every reason to believe that this same bunch of fanciers would have stood as solidly against this proposed amendment of mine as against the ones which Dr. Wilcoxon mentions in his evident attempt to decry and belittle the man who has worked as no other man has worked to secure a definite standard for these birds and make them respected, even when he has seen that his course was causing serious financial loss to himself.

Dr. Wilcoxon uses the expression "despite his convictions," and I have to say that I fail to see any very definite convictions on the part of Dr. Wilcoxon. In Cincinnati he came to me and offered to join the American Red Club and suggested that I join the Single Comb Club, and now he is writing slurring stuff about my deserving well, "notwithstanding my (his) former endeavors," and at Cincinnati he seemed to have no policy but to hang to the coat-tails of the old club and kneel abjectly to its leaders. Others wanted me to join the Boston Club, which I would not join for any advantage the whole world could offer, because it stands for things I do not believe in.

Of course I am writing this for yourself alone, but if the occasion should make it advisable I would not hesitate to tell it to the world.

It is disgusting for Dr. Wilcoxon, or any other man, after what I did in the interest of harmony in the A. P. A., knowing how I have worked for the Reds, to speak in this nasty way of the "Baerman amendments," as though the Reds had been saved from a threatened destruction by the defeat of these proposed amendments—not having the grace to give even a decent idea of what the proposed amendments were, so that his readers could judge how much they were calculated to injure the breed. It is very apparent that care is taken not to give any clue to the real nature of these amendments, and that is in accordance with the general treatment I have received since I began the American Red movement.

Yours very truly,
F. D. BAERMAN.

The custom of exchanging butter, eggs, poultry, etc., for groceries is an extravagant one. The farmer is obliged to pay the groceryman's prices for everything he gets and to receive the prices he sets on the farm products. It is a much better plan to have regular cash customers for such products, as the cash will secure better bargains at the grocery or store than exchanging products for goods will.

In Mexico a gold mine has just been sold for \$150,000 for the discovery of which chickens are entitled to full credit. A few months ago the value of the property was unsuspected, but one day the employes of Albert Palos, a merchant of Tapalpa, found grains of gold in the crops of his fowls and immediately took steps to acquire the land where the birds roamed.

Agriculture OR Field & Garden

Seasonable Hints.

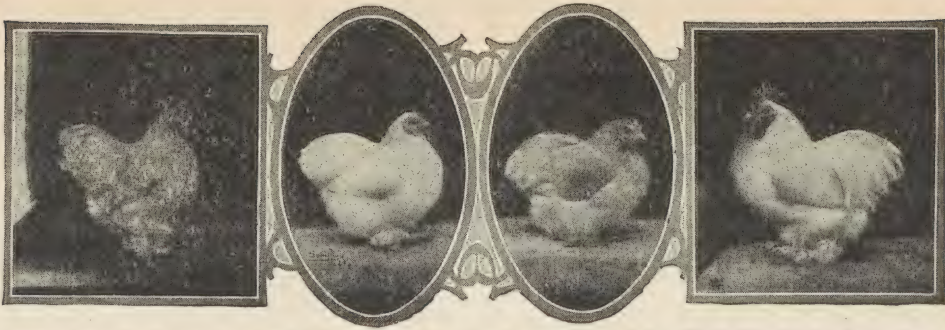
Variety in the garden means health to the family. Cut out last year's canes from the raspberry and blackberry bushes. Be liberal with barn manure around the bushes. It is a good plan to dig up, or rather loosen the soil with a manure fork close up around the vines or bushes of small fruits. Cane fruits are benefited by mulching after the manure spreading and the season is advanced—when berries commence to form. Corn, beans, peas, lettuce and many other vegetables can be planted at intervals so to have a constant succession of choice things. It pays to give very thorough preparation to the soil for all crops. Yield and quality is greatly increased when such methods are followed. There are always certain fruits and vegetables that thrive better in some sections than others. It is, therefore, always well to find out the kinds that do best in your neighborhood.

Don't put all the labor on the home garden, but lend the women a helping hand among their flower gardens. Cheerful surroundings bring happy hearts, and inviting home surroundings make lasting and pleasant impressions. Arrange in flower planting so to have something out in bloom all the time. A little study will enable you to do it. There is a chance to test your artistic ability in arranging the flower beds for beautiful color effects. The distribution of foliage plants on the lawn can be so managed as to form pleasing, effective contrasts. Don't be premature in putting out the plants. May is always uncertain about settled warm weather until well near the middle of the month. Because the grass and grain and trees and shrubbery are luxuriantly thriving is no sign the warm ground conditions exists which are so necessary for flowers and vegetables. Better be a little late than too early with the flower planting—it will save doing the work over again at additional cost.

In selecting strawberries for the home garden, as well as other small fruits, consider flavor more than the shipping quality. The kinds that won't stand transportation are the richest in flavor—too tender to ship. They are the ideal kinds for the home garden.

There are so many climbing or running plants, that there is no excuse for unsightly premises or outbuildings. Many of these plants are highly ornamental and also produce crops of beauty and value. Grape vines once established in desirable locations may each year produce much valuable fruit. Where quick results are desired, the gourd family, with its greatly varied unique products offer especial opportunities.

Window boxes, where garden space is limited in some sections of the country—small cottage towns—has become quite a feature. These window boxes are especially suitable for growing the beautiful Japanese Morning Glories, Nasturiums, Wild Cucumber, Asparagus, Sperengeri, etc., and rich foliage plants such as Coleus and other variegated leaf plants. The woman who



Some fine Buff Cochins and White Cochins Bantams, owned by E. J. W. Dietz, Secretary White's Class Advertising Co., Caxton Building, Chicago, Ill. These birds were photographed and photo retouched by Mr. A. O. Schilling, poultry artist in the employ of above named company. It is the practical knowledge gained by having thorough poultry fanciers and artists in their employ that has brought to White's Class Advertising Co., so many poultry advertising customers.

loves flowers should be encouraged, the nearer one gets to nature the nearer they are to nature's God.

Wood ashes are valuable for many crops and a little mixed in the soil for flowers will be beneficial. Digging up the top soil of potted plants and working in a little ashes will be very beneficial to many plants.

The orchard men's cry now is let us spray.

The birds are the farmers friends; protect them. Build accommodations for them. They will aid you in keeping in check insect depredators.

Don't forget to give the hedge plants around the lawn a good coating of well-rotted barnyard manure. It will reach down to the roots. If you have wood ashes they are especially good for the purpose.

Hot beds will have to be now watched carefully or the plants will be destroyed. For spring covering of hot-beds some gardeners now are using oiled muslin instead of glass. The muslin is tacked on frames fitting the sash places. The muslin screens can be prepared by stretching the muslin tightly on the screens and on both sides saturate the muslin with boiled linseed oil, using a broad brush to spread evenly.

Mulching the strawberry rows keeps down the weeds and conserves the moisture in the soil and keeps the grit from getting on the berries. A little tobacco dust scattered around each strawberry hill will serve as a fertilizer and help kill the troublesome white grub that is so destructive to the plants.

In setting out fruit trees as far as possible spread out the roots as far as possible as they naturally grow. Avoid cramping them. Cut off all broken or bruised parts using a sharp knife. Always cut back the long shoots at the top of the trees when setting them out.

G. O. BROWN.

Balanced Rations.

1. For light milking common cows: Fodder corn 15 pounds, oat straw 8 pounds, corn 3 pounds, oats 5 pounds, and gluten-feed 2 pounds.

2. For cows giving 11 to 12 quarts of milk daily: Corn silage 40 pounds, clover hay 10 pounds, corn 4 pounds, and oats 5 pounds.

3. For cows giving 12 to 13 quarts of milk daily: Corn silage 40 pounds, timothy hay 10 pounds, corn 4 pounds, bran 3 pounds, and oil-meal 2 pounds.

4. For cows giving 15 to 17 quarts of milk daily: Timothy hay 15 pounds, stover 8 pounds, corn 3 pounds, bran or oats 4 pounds, gluten-feed 1 pound, and cottonseed meal 2 pounds.

Do not expect to learn about the air cell the first hatch. You will learn that later.

NEW YORK MARKET REPORT.

EGGS—Receipts for the week, 127,990 cases.		
Nearby, f. g., selected,		
white, fancy.....	@	20
Good to choice.....	@	19 1/2
Extra mixed.....	@	19 1/2
Firsts.....	@	18 1/2
Western, f. g. firsts, storage packed.....	@	18 1/2
Fresh gathered, firsts.....	@	18
Fresh gathered, seconds.....	@	17 1/2
Fresh gathered, thirds.....	@	17
Kentucky firsts.....	@	17 3/4
Seconds.....	@	17 1/2
Tenn. and other Southern firsts.....	@	17 1/2
Southern seconds.....	@	16 1/2
Thirds.....	@	15 1/2
Western dirties, No. 1.....	@	16 3/4
No. 2.....	@	16
Checked eggs.....	@	15
Duck eggs, Baltimore.....	@	23
Western.....	@	20
Southern.....	@	18
Goose eggs.....	@	40

DRESSED POULTRY—Receipts for the week, 12,201 packages.

FRESH KILLED—ICED.		
Turkeys—Average lots.....	@	16
Old toms, selected (culls out).....	@	17
Chickens, broilers—4 lbs per pair and under—		
Philadelphia, dry-picked, fancy.....	@	40
Dry-picked, average run	@	30
N P & Pa, dry-picked, fancy.....	@	30
Dry-picked, average run	@	25
FOWLS—		
Philadelphia, dry-picked fancy.....	@	13 1/2
Dry-pick 1, average run	@	13
Western, dry-picked, selected barrels.....	@	13
Dry-picked, average run	@	12 1/2
Scalded, selected, bbls....	@	13
Scalded, average run....	@	12 1/2
Other Poultry—		
Old cocks, dry-picked....	@	10
Scalded.....	@	10
Ducklings, Long Island and nearby.....	@	20
Squabs, prime white:		
8 lbs to doz, per doz....	@	75
7 lbs to doz, per doz....	@	75
6@6 1/2 lbs to doz, per doz....	@	75
Mixed, per doz.....	@	1 50
Dark, per doz.....	@	1 50
Culls, per doz.....	@	50

FROZEN POULTRY.		
Turkeys, hen, No. 1....	@	20
Toms, No. 1.....	@	20
No. 2.....	@	16
Old toms, No. 1.....	@	18 1/2
Capons, western.....	@	20
Broilers, milk-fed, dry-picked, 4 lbs and under to pair.....	@	22
Dry-picked, 4 lbs and under to pair, No. 1....	@	19
Scalded, 4 lbs and under to pair, No. 1....	@	17
Roasting chickens, milk-fed, dry-picked, fancy.....	@	17
Soft meat, fancy.....	@	16
Average, No. 1.....	@	14
No. 2.....	@	10
Fowls, No. 1.....	@	13
No. 2.....	@	10
Ducks, No. 1.....	@	15
No. 2.....	@	13
Geese, No. 1.....	@	13
No. 2.....	@	10

LIVE POULTRY—Receipts for the week, 44 cars.		
Fowls, per lb.....	@	13
Roosters, young.....	@	12
Roosters, old, per lb.....	@	8 1/2
Turkeys, per lb.....	@	13
Ducks, western, average, per pair.....	@	85
Southern, per pair.....	@	70
Geese, western, average, per pair.....	@	1 50
Southern, average, per pair.....	@	1 25
Live pigeons, per pair.....	@	35

When the chicks seem to be putting up a continuous crying performance, it means that they are not warm. Never let the brooder become cold.

Weed's Wanderings

We leave London for Toronto with feelings of regret, for the places where you find such men as McNeal, Oke and Saunders are few and far between. Arriving at Toronto we find the Wheat Sheaf Hotel, where Mine Host Wm. Hammall, of Game Bantam fame, gives us a hearty welcome. The next morning we start for Wm. Barber's, and find that William is a storekeeper, after hearty greetings with this old friend, we are shown the Games and Game Bantams, and we can truthfully say that we never saw so many birds in so small a space, and yet all in the best of health and pink of condition. Mr. Barber is certainly a past master in the art of raising and exhibiting Games, either large or small.

We make arrangements to visit Mr. Hammall's farm the next day and here we see what would gladden the eye of any fancier. Pigeons and Bantams fit to be shown; yes, and win, too, in any company. There is hardly a day that Mr. Hammall does not steal away from the busy cares of hotel and city life and come out here to the farm to fondle and pet some choice Bantam, dog or colt; each and all pure bred. After a supper served in the farm house we return to the city, feeling that we have, perhaps, seen the finest collection of Game Bantams in America.

At Mr. Barber's we have the pleasure of a handshake with Mr. J. N. O'Neil, of White Minorca fame, who gladly renews his subscription to The American Fancier. We then visit the bird store of G. Hope & Son and see a beautiful collection of birds, parrots, etc. Then to the office of Canadian Review where we meet and have an enjoyable talk with the editor, Mr. Donovan.

At the hotel that evening we are met by Wm. Fox, who is celebrating his 60th birthday. We have not seen William since the Pan-American so we have a long talk of old time and new and are invited up to see his stock the next morning.

The description of the place will fall far short of impressing you as a sight of it would. Please imagine several lofts or large rooms with cages, tier upon tier, on all sides; in each of these from one to one dozen Cavies, with hundreds running over the floor under your feet; a collection of all colors, from solid white to solid black, and all between the two—well, to cut a long story short, it was certainly the largest collection of pet stock in America.

Geo W Weed

Hen Lays Two Eggs a Day.

Hampton, April 16.—A Connecticut hen is striving to outdo the New Jersey birds that lay eggs with handles. She is owned by Robert Clark, of this place, and on several days during the last two weeks has laid two eggs a day, one in the morning and the other at night. The eggs are of good size and well formed. As Mr. Clark's eleven other hens are laying, he gets thirteen eggs some days.

Shull's Saunterings

The first to hold out the hand of good fellowship, and give me an "ad" for the old standby, The American Fancier, was that all round good fellow and fancier, Charles Eisselman, of Johnstown, N. Y., who is a breeder of White, Golden and Silver Laced Wyandottes. His winnings at the great Gloversville show prove that he is a premier at the business, as he took 1st and 2d on hen, on Silvers, and 1st and Special for best White Cock bird in the show. Mr. Eisselman had his original stock from J. J. Jacobrey, which means that his stock is first-class. Those desiring eggs for hatching can be sure of honest treatment at the hands of Mr. Eisselman. He has a very large grass run, with a southern exposure, which helps materially in fertilizing the eggs.

At his farm, five miles from Frankfort, N. Y., is situated the plant of Arthur G. Bouck, breeder of that old, tried and true American variety, Buff Plymouth Rocks. His facilities for breeding and rearing are perfectly adequate for the large business that he conducts, his houses being situated in the orchard and chickens are allowed the run of the farm. Mr. Bouck has eleven pens of this grand variety mated up for the best results, six for pullet breeding and five for cockerels. Mr. Bouck is a young and very enthusiastic fancier, and has been breeding Barred Rocks for a number of years, so he knows how to do the trick. He won 3d and 4th cock, 1st and 3d hen, 4th pullet, 4th cockerel, and 1st pen at Gloversville; and 1st, 2d and 4th cock, 1st, 2d, 4th and 5th hen, 2d, 4th and 5th cockerel, and 3d pullet, 3d and 4th young pen, 1st and 2d old pen, and the Association Cup for the best display of any one variety in the American class at the Auburn show. First pen old, 1st young, 1st and 3d cock, 2d and 3d hen, 3d and 5th cockerel, 3 pullet at Schenectady. Mr. Bouck brought out almost an entirely new lot of birds at Frankfort, but he took awards on 1st, 2d and 5th cock, 1st and 2d hen, 1st, 2d, 3d and 5th cockerel, 1st and 2d pullet, 1st, 2d, 3d and 4th old pen, 1st, 2d and 4th pen young, and the twenty-five dollar special for best pen, besides the special for the best pen old in show, special best bird American class, together with several minor awards.

At the home of F. G. Boquet, at Owego, we saw some of the best B. B. Red and Red Pyle Games we have looked at in a long while. They were great in reach, style and color, and almost perfect, just the birds that the most fastidious would delight in.

I met Burt Osborn, at Greene, he being an old-time chicken crank, who is well known to the boys who go the circuit. Burt has a lot of good birds, and had about three hundred chicks out very early in the spring. He reports trade excellent and will try and keep the boys busy the coming season.

E. H. Nolton, another Greene fancier and breeder is interested in three or

four different varieties. L. E. St. John, also of Greene, is a breeder of long standing. His varieties include about all in the category of Leghorns.

J. B. Foster is a young man at Norwich, but he is a fancier of the right sort, and has some very nice Buff Orpingtons, Partridge Cochins and Light Brahma Bants. He has shown his birds twice and done nicely. At Auburn he won on Partridge Cochins, 1st and 2d cockerel, 1st and 2d hen; Orpingtons, 3d cock, 2d hen; and at Frankfort he did himself proud and won everything in sight in the classes in which he entered.

William Lull, of Norwich, formerly of Greene, has a large string of birds, which were all looking well when I saw them. He goes on the circuit in the fall, and generally has something up his sleeve to keep the boys guessing. Bill was laid by the heels when I saw him through stepping on a rusty nail, but he says that can't kill him, and he expects to make the boys hustle when the leaves begin to tumble from the boughs and branches.

I had a chat with several fanciers at Sherburne, foremost among whom was Fred Simmons, the tonsorial artist. He is raising a great many chicks for his own use, besides selling newly hatched chicks.

Sidney Stoller is a comparatively new aspirant for honors in the show room, having his plant at Johnstown, N. Y. He has some very nice birds, and for the past two years has won his full share of honors at such shows as Schenectady, Albany and Gloversville, where he has defeated many of the old timers and carried away the honors.

While at Ithaca, I, of course, had to call and see Dennis Shea, at the E. C. Wyckoff plant. The genial Dennis being at home, I was shown around the place in good style. Mr. Shea informed me that they have sold nearly everything for sale about the place until after the breeding season, with the exception of a few male birds. I don't mean to be understood that they have sold themselves short by any means, as they have a cracking good lot of birds to breed from, and, if they cannot produce something out of the usual when another show season opens it will be very much of a surprise to yours truly.

I called at the office and saw Mr. Wyckoff, who is a very pleasant gentleman to meet. He announced everything on the boom in the incubator and brooder plant, and will remember The American Fancier when the fall advertising is due.

Who ever goes to Cortland and wishes to look up the poultry cranks, must, of course, go to see the old time sport and Game and Game Bantam crank, Billy Greenman. I found Mr. William J. looking as fine as silk, and smiling as a peach. He reports everything booming in his line, and hopes to have something to show the boys

this fall. Long life to Billy, and were there more like him!

Robert D. McMillan, a breeder of Black Minorcas, reported business good when I called upon him. His birds are large and good layers, and can be relied upon to win their share in most company.

S. P. Buckley, another Cortland breeder of Barred Rocks, is one who shows his birds, and can win in good company, as his winnings at several good shows attest. His birds are of good size and barred to the skin, and as layers none are better.

Dr. Santee is another poultry breeding crank, and is always pleased to meet a brother crank. He says that everything is coming gloriously and augurs a prosperous year.

Irving D. Rice, the well known and popular breeder of S. C. White Leghorns, whose plant is very nicely situated a mile and a half from Cortland, is a breeder who has shown his birds at Madison Square and other large shows, and is generally counted among the winners of the blue. He has a stock of between three and four hundred birds.

Lewis Harington, a White Rock breeder, can show something pretty nice in his line, and has had a very successful season.

Glen Wilson, who is also a White Rock breeder, has enjoyed a very brisk season, disposing of nearly everything he has, with egg trade good.

A. W. McNett, breeder of White Rocks, is a beginner who has a lot of very fine birds, and is going to get after the boys and make them do some hustling.

James Forsyth is a chicken crank at Owego. He has one of the very best locations it has ever been my good luck to see. It is an ideal place on sloping ground, surrounded by high grounds and woods. The location is protected from the winds and storms, so essential to a good poultryman. The place was originally four or five farms, upon which he has erected one of the largest and best equipped barns one can find anywhere. Here he has housed his famous stock of prize winning Guernsey cattle, and has a modern, up-to-date poultry house, put up so as to enlarge at either end as occasion demands. One could not do better if he made the situation to order. There are several tenant houses on the place and by placing them in different places, Mr. Forsyth has plenty of room to breed and raise the thousands of standardbred poultry he does every season. To begin to give a description of all the good birds I saw would be next to impossible, as they are legion. They are now breeding at this plant, R. C. and S. C. Brown, and R. C. White Leghorns, White and Buff Rocks, White Wyandottes and Houdans. I don't know whether I have left out any of the varieties or not, as I saw so many. They were all a cracking good lot all the way through. What especially took our eye was a pen of Houdans, one of the best I have ever seen, all large, of good color and shape. I envied Mr. Forsyth and wished that I was the owner.

JOSEPH L. SHULL.

DATES CLAIMED.

Under this heading there will appear each week a list of all the shows claiming dates for the coming season. Secretaries of poultry, pigeon and pet stock exhibitions will confer a favor by sending in the dates selected as promptly as possible. It is not only a convenience and guide to secretaries of shows that have not selected their dates, but of great interest to readers of The American Fancier, a majority of whom are exhibitors.

The name of secretary and judges will be appreciated when sending in notices.

Aug. 21-24—Cortlandt, N. Y. Cortlandt County Agricultural Society, W. J. Greenman, Secretary.

October 2-5, Chatham, N. Y. Columbia County Agricultural Society, W. A. Dardess, Secretary.

Nov. 12-17—Houston, Tex., Hewey S. Fox, Jr., Secretary.

Nov. 12-17, San Jose, Cal. Santa Clara Valley Poultry and Pet Stock Association, E. Van Every, Secretary, Edenvale, Cal.

Nov. 21-23, West Haven, Conn. D. A. Nichols, D. J. Lambert, W. R. Graves, Judges; E. J. Crawford, Secretary.

Nov. 27-Dec. 1, York, Pa. C. T. Cornman, William G. Minich, Judges; J. N. Lovett, Secretary.

Dec. 3-9, San Francisco, Cal. California Poultry Association, J. C. Williams, Secretary, Fruitvale, Cal.

Dec. 4-7, Philmont, N. Y. D. A. Nichols, Judge; G. J. Anderson, Secretary.

Dec. 4-8—Youngstown, O., H. J. Cossler, Secretary.

Dec. 4-8—Wilkes Barre, Pa., David T. Miller, Secretary.

Dec. 4-8—Providence, R. I., Rhode Island Poultry Association, W. I. Brown, Secretary, 6 Exchange Place.

Dec. 5-8, Grand Rapids, Wis. Grand Rapids Poultry Association; B. G. Eggert, Secretary; Frank Heck, Judge.

Dec. 5-8, Paterson, N. J. Paterson Poultry, Pigeon and Pet Stock Association; Charles Frost, Secretary.

Dec. 5-8, Danbury, Conn. Western Connecticut Poultry Association, Charles H. Brundage, Secretary; Judges, J. H. Drenstedt, T. F. McGrew, Hon. David Nichols and W. H. Card.

Dec. 6-9—Danbury, Conn., C. H. Brundage, Secretary.

Dec. 11-14, Lewistown, Mo. Lewistown Poultry Association; A. O. Brooking, Secretary, La Belle, Mo.; Frank Heck, Judge.

Dec. 11-14, Winsted, Conn. F. D. Hallet, Secretary.

Dec. 12-14—Kingston, N. Y., F. E. Miller, Secretary, Rifton, N. Y.

Dec. 12-15—Corsicana, Tex., W. E. Elliott, Secretary, Box 281.

Dec. 12-15, Fresno, Cal. Fresno Poultry, Pigeon and Pet Stock Association, George R. Andrews, Secretary.

Dec. 12-15, Stoughton, Wis. Stoughton Poultry Association; Sylvanus Ames, Secretary; Frank Heck, Judge.

Dec. 12-15, St. Mary's, Ohio. Wick Hathaway, Judge; F. F. Aschbacher, Secretary.

Dec. 18-21, Geneva, Ohio. R. H. Munger, Secretary.

Dec. 19-22, Holland, Mich. Holland Poultry and Pet Stock Association; L. S. Sprietsma, Secretary; Frank Heck, Judge.

Dec. 19-22, Mohnsville, Pa. Wyomissing Poultry Association; George W. Hatt, Secretary, Mohn's Store, Pa.; Charles T. Cornman, Judge.

Jan. 7-11, Aurora, Ill. Aurora Poultry Association; Walter M. Smith, Secretary; Frank Heck, Judge.

Jan. 8-10, Lenox, Mass. Honest "Dave" and Shaylor, Judges; L. H. Peters, Secretary.

Jan. 8-11, Middletown, Conn. Middlesex County Poultry, Pigeon and Pet Stock Association; Arthur L. Clark, Secretary.

Jan. 8-11, Middletown, Conn. Graves and Bunnell, Judges; Arthur L. Clark, Secretary.

Jan. 9-12, Alameda, Cal. Alameda County Poultry Association, C. G. Hinds, Secretary.

Jan. 9-13, Chilton, Wis. Chilton Poultry and Pet Stock Association; A. Stransky, Secretary; Frank Heck, Judge.

Jan. 15-19, 1907—Kansas City, Mo., P. H. DeFree, Secretary.

Jan. 15-19—Angola, Ind., Tri-State P. and P. S. Association, W. K. Sheffer, Secretary.

Jan. 16-20, Charlotte, N. C. Charlotte Poultry Association; W. B. Alexander, Secretary.

Jan. 28-Feb. 2, Cleveland, Ohio. Cleveland Fancier's Club Co.; F. L. Gruchl, Secretary; 1922 Woodland Ave.

Jan. 30-Feb. 2—St. Albans, Vt., C. O. Barrett, Secretary.

Feb. 5-9, Hudson, Mich. Southern Michigan Poultry Association; Ed. R. West, Secretary; Frank Heck, Judge.

It has been demonstrated that chickens can be taught to come off the perch and eat by lamplight, but is just as well not to introduce the late supper idea into your flock.

The Polish Fowl

BY A BREEDER

(Pigeons and Poultry, England.)

One point strongly in favour of Polish as a variety for beginners is that only one breeding pen is required, that is to say, exhibition cockerels and pullets can be bred from one pen. To prove the markings, breed from the very best marked birds that can be obtained. See that the lacing is a sharply cut, sound coloured black, and that it runs well round the feather. If possible breed from birds rather too heavily laced. If lightly laced birds are used to breed from, there is a danger of their progeny being imperfectly laced, that is to say, the ground colour will run into the black up to the edge of the feather.

One immense advantage which Polish possess over many other breeds is that they actually improve in markings with each successive moult. Hamburgs can usually only be shown for one season, and Minorcas, Leghorns, etc., are rarely of use for showing after they are two years old. But Polish, if properly attended to, can be exhibited for several years. Their chief defect as old birds, is the gradual appearance of white feathers in the crest.

White crested black, and white crested blue Polish are most handsome fowls. Their general characteristics are exactly the same. They differ only in color. The crest in both varieties is pure white. In white crested black the body colour is a rich metallic black, and in the white crested blue, it is a very dark blue, except that they have long red wattles, these two varieties have all the other points as in the spangled varieties. Here again only one pen is necessary to produce both cockerels and pullets for exhibition. It is far easier, too, to select the breeding stock, as there are no markings to look after. Provided the birds are satisfactory in shape, size, and colour, the lover of huge crests can indulge in his fancy without the risk of losing any valuable points. If really good crested pullets are mated with a first-class cockerel, the crests of both cockerels and pullets could be all that could be desired.

I am afraid I have exhausted my stock of superlatives in dealing with the other varieties of Polish, but none of them adequately describes the perfection of markings seen in a really good specimen of the chamios or buff laced Polish. This variety is far nearer the standard of perfection in markings than gold or silver spangled ever were. Its markings are exactly the same as in the gold or silver spangled, but are much sharper and better defined in every respect. In colour they are a rich buff, with the feathers laced with white. The crest is laced in the hen, but solid buff coloured in the cock. The hen is of a uniform shade of orange buff throughout, but the saddle and hackle

of the cock are a much deeper hue than the rest of the plumage.

One breeding pen only is required. The cock must be of a good sound colour. If he is a little darker than is necessary, so much the better. Lacing is of the utmost importance in both cocks and hens. The sharply defined narrow lacing is the type to be selected. If the lacing be too wide, the overlapping of the feathers gives the bird an unevenly marked appearance, and the breast of the bird will look white, just as the breast of an untrained silver spangled Hamburg hen generally looks nearly black. In both the cock and the hens the crests should be as large as possible, but a well laced bird should always be chosen for breeding before one body laced but possessing an unusually large crest. Many other varieties of Polish have been recorded, amongst them such beautiful birds as white, black, black crested white, and ermine. As these varieties do not now exist in this country to the best of my knowledge (should any be in existence here, I should be very glad to be informed of it), I will not occupy further space by describing them.

Polish have been credited with being a delicate breed of fowls. I have dealt rather fully with the question of delicate breeds when writing about Black Spanish. Properly kept, Polish are as hardy as most other breeds. Avoid cold, damp, and draughts, and any breed living can be kept healthy and hardy in this England of ours. Yes, and they can be given as much fresh air as it is possible to give them, too. It is very necessary to keep Polish out of the wet, their big crests retain a large amount of moisture if allowed to get thoroughly wet, and the birds rapidly take cold and die if much exposed. On the whole, Polish thrive best in confinement, especially if one can give them a large covered run. I am personally very much against small grass runs for fowls. A large covered in run with a floor of natural earth gives more satisfactory results. Grass runs soon become tainted, and only become fit for use again after a somewhat prolonged rest. When an earth run becomes tainted, all that is required is to remove six or eight inches off the top and substitute a load (or more, according to the size of the run) of fresh earth, or, better still, good gravel. I have always found that my fowls dearly love to scrape amongst fresh gravel.

Polish are very good layers of really good sized white eggs. Unfortunately they do not lay best at the time when eggs are most wanted, and they cannot as a rule be called good winter layers. This is not altogether a drawback from a Fancy point of view, as they lay most of their eggs when they are required for incubation. I am firmly convinced that if kept dry in the manner advised above, and fed intelligent-

ly with a view to increased egg production, they are better winter layers than many of the much vaunted utility breeds. They are good table fowls, the flesh being juicy and tender. In this respect they are superior to Black Spanish, the flesh of this variety being somewhat hard and dry compared to Polish.

It will readily understood that owing to their crests, the birds require special drinking vessels. These should be of the fountain form, with a very small opening, so as to prevent the birds wetting the bottom of their crests. Open drinking vessels should on no account be used, as the birds will speedily get their crests wet, and the usual colds will follow.

During the breeding season it is very necessary to either tie up, or cut the feathers of the crests of Polish cocks in order to ensure fertile eggs. On the whole I think it best to cut off the crests of both cocks and hens during the breeding season. This puts an end to all chance of exhibiting the birds till after they moult, but the true fancier hardly ever wants to exhibit his birds whilst breeding operations are in progress.

It is necessary to keep the birds apart from the first signs of their crests moulting. If kept together, on the first signs of the appearance of the new quills the hens will start pecking at the crest of the cock, soon reducing his head to a mass of blood and feathers. This means good-bye to any chance of showing him for that season. The hens will also peck at each other's crests if kept together, and it is by far the safest plan to pen each bird up separately for a few weeks whilst their crests moult.

To sum up, Polish have few disadvantages. The two chief ones are that they are not usually good winter layers, and that there is no separate classification for them. The first of these points can easily be remedied as indicated above. To the second I would reply that Polish, well shown, always stand an excellent chance in the any other variety class provided at every show. Their advantages are very numerous. They are splendid layers during the breeding season when a fancier is most in want of eggs. They are a nice egg, are handsome and striking fowls, and are always much admired by visitors. They do very well in confinement. Only one breeding pen is necessary to produce both cockerels and pullets fit for exhibition. This is a great advantage to the small breeder with a small purse and a limited amount of space at his disposal. And lastly, the birds actually improve with age both from an exhibition and breeding point of view. Old birds produce larger crested chickens as a rule than do young birds.

With all these advantages it seems strange that Polish should be almost as rarely seen in the show pen as Black Spanish. These breeds have been neglected very much in the past. They have been so rarely mentioned in the Fancy press that the younger generation of fanciers have hardly been made aware of their existence. To all young fanciers who want a breed that is both useful and ornamental and that will try to the utmost their skill as breeders if they wish to produce a standard bird, I recommend one of the varieties of Polish. Who will give the breed a helping hand?

THAT EGG AGAIN.

When I learned that Editor Drevenstedt had found the dwarfed egg, which I sent him, I was agreeably surprised and at once concluded that he had eaten Egg-o-See for breakfast. I felt as though I was making an unusually valuable contribution to poultry science but the whole thing seemed to strike a yellow streak in his make-up and resulted in that decidedly pungent editorial.

My position is similar to that of the man who stood, with his finger in his mouth, in front of a restaurant in Philadelphia where there were three big turtles displayed.

He was poking about with his other hand, first at one end of one of the turtles then at the other. "Here," said the proprietor of the restaurant, "keep away from there or you'll get hurt!"

"Hurt?" said the man, taking his finger from his mouth and looking at it ruefully, "I've been hurt already, but I am now trying to find out which is the head and which is the tail of this animal, so I can tell whether I have been bitten or stung."

The editor knows full well that the high price of grain prevents liberality in feeding, but I have always allowed my hens to use their own judgment in determining the size of their eggs.

In this case, as I could assign no positive reason for the abortive egg, I at once decided that Mr. Drev. could qualify as an expert after having solved the "Ginseng Problem," although in justice to him, I might have added in the accompanying letter that I had been giving Red Raven Splits quite freely at that time for center-toe feathering.

I want, right here, to mention the successful egg-experiment of a fellow-townsmen, John Tallinger. Mr. Tallinger isolated one of his S. C. Partridge Wyandottes and fed her exclusively on peach-pits and beef-juice for two weeks. At the end of that period she layed an egg with the yolk outside the shell and has since produced several of the same kind. Mr. T. is quite proud of his success and will shortly build up a strain that will put a quietus on the storage-egg business.

R. J. RULIFFSON.

Rochester, N. Y.

Seed Potatoes.

At the New York Agricultural Experiment Station at Cornell University tests have been made of seed potatoes cut into pieces of two different sizes, the pieces use on certain plat being twice as large as those on others. The smaller pieces were as large as those frequently planted by farmers. As compared with the larger pieces the smaller pieces yielded less by from 21 to 41 per cent.

This agrees with other tests. The larger preponderance of evidence furnished by tests is to the effect that it pays to use large pieces of seed.

The effective dusting of cut tubers with plaster, one or two days before planting, was studied by the New York Station. In three out of five tests the increase in yield ranged from thirteen to twenty-six bushels per acre on the plats planted with the dusted seed. In the two other tests the results were inconclusive.

Keep plenty of scratching material on the floor and your flock will sing a merry song and fill the egg basket.



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We clip the following from the American Stock-keeper:

"We understand that many were induced to vote for Auburn, N. Y., as the meeting place for the American Poultry Association, on account of there being an agricultural college there having a special poultry department, and this college took the matter up and wrote to the members of the executive committee that, if the meeting was held at Auburn, they would expend \$200 or \$300 to engage speakers to address the meeting on the different branches of poultry raising."

Editor Atherton is in error regarding the location of the college. The latter is at Ithaca, New York, and is a part of Cornell University, the special poultry department being in charge of Professor James E. Rice, who is also a member of the Executive Committee of the American Poultry Association, and consequently has a vote in locating the meeting. The Cornell powers that be worked hard for Auburn, sending out letters to members of the Executive Committee setting forth the advantages of holding a meeting there. The New York State Farmers' Institute did considerable plugging for Auburn, Chief Dawley being the live wire. Deacon "Tom" Orr, the Hon. Secretary, is a pretty warm friend of the poultry lecturing advocates in New York State, he as well as T. F. McGrew, Dr. Santee, Henry Trofford and a few others furnishing most of the intellectual chicken food at these farmer's and poultrymen's institutes. It is not passing strange then that they, lecturers, directors and other interested parties, barring a few,

should pull hardest for a place that offers the best financial inducements. That is one element that helped Auburn, and our erudite friend in Boston, Bro. Atherton, is about right on that point.

We believe the editor of another poultry journal in the East goes even further and intimates that some judges voted for Auburn because they got jobs there. There is nothing new in this. That game was worked at Cleveland and Rochester. Mr. John Drechsle, secretary of the Rochester show at that time, could tell a few things regarding this abuse of the voting power should he care to do so. The Western and the Southern members, barring very few exceptions in very few States, gave New York the frapped shoulder. A few New Yorkers had an attack of cold feet also. We admit that Secretary Crawford's letter of invitation, albeit, courteous and businesslike, was not calculated to stir up a member to a high pitch of enthusiasm, so as to have him pull off his coat and work hard for old Gotham, nevertheless, a little more loyalty in such matters would be more healthful and reassuring. New England members were pretty loyal, as usual. They have not forgotten the throw-down the cradle of American poultry culture received at St. Louis. But everything comes to those who wait and in the near future we hope to see a good and great meeting of the American Poultry Association held in one of the New England cities, for it is patent to all who have talked to Mr. Crawford recently, that as far as New York is concerned, there will be no future invitations extended. After three attempts to secure the meeting, the Honorable Secretary of the New York Show cannot be blamed for declining to make any further moves in the future. As we stated in a previous issue, New York need not, and will not, make any deals or offer any inducements

to secure a meeting of the American Poultry Association. It has stood and always will stand pat on that point.

The fact that three important shows follow each other in the first three weeks in January is a matter of grave importance to exhibitors as the following letter to us from the veteran, Supt. T. Farrer Rackham clearly sets forth:

"If I understand the situation correctly the coming will be a very busy show season and in very close proximity to each other. New York, Auburn and Boston Shows are to take place in three consecutive weeks. It certainly seems to me that it is a great pity that these three great and important events should come so close together because it is almost impossible for any breeder who does not possess two or three strings or teams of birds to compete at the three exhibitions. If the three shows were open only about three days each, say Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of each week it would be entirely different and it seems to me that it would be greatly to the advantage of the fanciers, exhibitors and judges generally if Auburn Show was open to the public only four days. I say Auburn because she comes between the other two large shows and while it is only one day it certainly would make a great difference to the fanciers generally and I do not believe that it will make any difference so far as the gate receipts are concerned for if it is properly advertised in the local papers that a show is open a certain number of days you get bigger crowds on these days and I often fancy that it is even better than a long drawn out show with no enthusiasm about it. It also seems to me that this should allow plenty of time to transact all the A. P. A. business that is necessary. In the past it was thought by the dog exhibitors that five or six day shows were not too long but now most of the large dog shows and all of those held under A. K. C. rules are only allowed to be open to the public four days and have been just as successful if not more so because as I say, as many people visit the show and the expenses are considerably reduced. Is not a four day show at Auburn, N. Y. worthy of consideration?"

We agree with Mr. Rackham entirely and believe it would be a good step for Auburn to take and one that would be highly appreciated by exhibitors who intend showing at all three shows. The only objection might come from the poultry institute managers, who expect to hold several sessions, and these with the A. P. A. meetings would crowd matters considerably in a four day stand. But the give and take spirit should rule in all such matters and we trust there will be no exception in the case mentioned above.

There will be quite a change in the list of judges at Madison Square Garden, New York, next January. Some new faces will be seen among the duster brigade and some old timers be found among the missing.

Geo. W. Nones, the well-known designer of poultry houses and general all around expert on feathered bipeds, accompanied by "Herr Wilhelm" Russ, paid a pleasant call at The American Fancier office one day last week. As "Billy" Russ is getting so that he is afraid of the cars, he takes the ever youthful Nones along with him when on a long walk, consisting of two real city blocks, to help him cross the streets and avoid the skiddoo machines, trucks and traction cars. Mr. Nones has some plans for a big summer campaign which will keep the chicken business booming during the dull and sultry days of summer. Mr. Nones will also furnish The American Fancier with some practical articles on building poultry and brooder houses in the near future.

Mr. A. F. Hunter, whose good work as associate editor of the American Poultry Advocate has made that paper a very important factor in monthly poultry literature, spent several days

in New York and Washington last week and made a number of calls at our office. The old gentleman is still as vigorous in health and with his pen as in the days when he piloted Farm Poultry to the harbor of success. There are still plenty of years of active service ahead for the veteran poultry editor, and may the good he has done the practical poultry business in the past be continued in the future in even a greater measure.

Another new poultry monthly will be started in New York City shortly. Who the parties back of the venture are, we have not been able to discover, but learned that a large printing concern is one of the chief backers. The title of the paper has not been pronounced.

We regret to learn that Mr. John K. Ottley, of Atlanta, Ga., has sold out his famous string of White Plymouth Rocks. It is too bad to lose such a fine fancier, but Mr. Ottley has such a full measure of honors in the show arena, and is also such a busy man six days of each week, that both, no doubt, conspired to make him take this step. If we are not mistaken, he will be back in the fold after a few years retirement. The chicken fever, once thoroughly acquired, seldom if ever leaves the person so afflicted, or favored.

Mr. D. Lincoln Orr, the famous ex-president and ex-secretary of the A. P. A. in the strenuous days of that body, paid a few hours attention to The American Fancier office one day recently. We regret that we were not able to see him, but report has it, that he will be deeper in chickens than ever next fall. Like the famous diva Patti, "Link" Orr has played many farewell engagements. He always comes back, however, for there is money in the poultry business and the gentleman from Orr's Mills, New York, has made some of it each year. Raising first class stock and treating customers on the square simply made it easy for him to build up a fine trade. The only trouble with "Link" is that he lives on uneasy street. When he gets the partner he is looking for, we will be at the ceremony and watch him settle down on easy avenue, with all the comforts and joys of home and a big bunch of White and Columbian Wyandottes to keep him supplied with the ready cash, so necessary in executing the living stunt in these days of high prices and perforated incomes.

Mr. C. J. Ross, the photographer artist of that fine publication, Town and Country, returned from San Francisco last week. He had a bunch of magnificent views of the fine buildings, villas and scenery of the now desolate and smouldering ruins of the City of the Golden Gate. Mr. Ross left California only a few days before the terrible earthquake that destroyed the metropolis of the Pacific Coast and made hundreds of thousands homeless and penniless. To look at the beautiful views that Mr. Ross showed to us and then pick up the daily papers and read of the total destruction of most of these subjects, conveyed in a great measure, the terrible destruction wrought by earthquake and fire. Mr. Ross was fortunate in leaving at the time he did, for even had he escaped with his life, the chances are that the work of months would have been totally destroyed.

The secretary of the National White Wyandotte Club sends out a very interesting report of the proceedings of the seventh annual meeting, held at Chicago, Ill., January 24, 1906. A total membership of 1,450 shows a remarkable growth of this comparatively young organization, and is a fine example of the hustling ability of the secretary, Mr. Ross C. N. Hallock. The ornamental vice-presidents were dispensed with and in their stead, State secretaries were created. The duties of the latter were defined as follows: "To look after the membership in their respective States; to receipt for dues and membership fees on blanks to be furnished by the secretary of the club, and to forward all such money collected to the club secretary; to look after the awarding and placing of the club ribbons and other specials offered by the club in the various States, and to see that these offers were placed in the hands of the proper authorities." This is business with a big B. It makes everybody work who holds an official position, the now famous "but father," not excepted. The receipts of the club for the past year were, \$2,990.30; the disbursements, \$2,412.74, leaving a balance of \$577.56; a nice slice of coin to start the next campaign with.

At a recent meeting of the poultry fanciers of Philmont, N. Y., and vicinity, an organization was formed to be known as the Philmont Poultry, Pigeon and Pet Stock Association. The following officers were elected: Wm. Richardson, president; Geo. Cookingham and E. P. Chapman, vice-presidents; G. J. Anderson, secretary; John Brennan, treasurer. The first annual show will be held December 4 to 7. The Hon. D. A. Nichols is to officiate as judge and that means a good entry and first-class judging. There are so many good poultry fanciers in Columbia County and in the adjoining counties, that there can be no doubt of the success of this, the first annual.

Under the heading, "Bantam News," a new department will be created, and "Uncle Dudley" will be the editor of the same. It will be of interest to our readers to learn that Uncle is an old-time fancier of Bantams, who not only has an intimate knowledge of how to mate, breed, feed and show the little feathered pets, but has a wide acquaintance among the Bantam fanciers of this country. He wields a graceful pen and can touch up the little peculiarities of some of his friends to the queen's taste when the occasion requires, and from what we know of Uncle's habits and methods, there will be something lively doing all season.

Speaking of Bantams reminds us that Freiherr von Bremen Zimmer, of Gloversville, N. Y., has imported some of the Palace and International Show winners in the Silver Sebright classes, and will be ready for the Bantam breeding season, which begins next month, with a grand string of finely mated birds.

"Uncle George" Rowland, the Jersey pigeon king, has the Sebright fever also, and sent over for a fine lot of breeders to one of the greatest fanciers of the beautiful Silvers in Scotland.

We are glad to note this great interest taken by leading fanciers in what is generally accepted as the most skillful and beautiful production in the feathered kingdom at the hands of man. The name of Sir John Sebright will live as long as the magnificent variety of fowl named after him, and which he originated, are in existence.

The Hon. William L. Davis, master of Willow Brook Farm, Berlin, Conn., has been unfortunate in securing the services of Harry M. Lamon, who was a shining light in the Buff Leghorn alley some years ago, having produced the best in the land and met and defeated all comers. Harry was not very slow in the Buff Rock game either and succeeded in building up a great strain of these birds. Mr. Lamon and family will remove to Willow Brook Farm at once and Harry will give his full and undivided attention to its affairs. This new move should place Willow Brook Farm far in the lead with that hustling team of young fanciers, Messrs. Davis and Lamon, to cut out the running. We congratulate both proprietor and manager and wish them all kinds of success.

Mr. W. T. Lord has bred Buff Wyandottes for quite a number of years and during that time has shown some very fine birds and won some very juicy prizes at leading shows. This makes him feel somewhat elated and self-satisfied. Consequently he hands to the trembling Buff Wyandotte world the following defi:

A CHALLENGE.
To All Buff Wyandotte Breeders of America!
(Nothing More—Nothing Less.)
It is very interesting to note the claims of many of our Buff Wyandotte breeders in their advs. in the different poultry journals, as follows:
"The largest breeder of Buff Wyandottes in the world."
"The largest Buff Wyandotte plant in the world."
"Best flock of Buff Wyandottes in America."
"Largest breeder of prize-winning Buff Wyandottes in the world."
"The best in the world."

Now to know just "who is who" and to let the public decide for themselves who breeds the best Buff Wyandottes of today, I would very much like to see all the largest breeders of this variety come together the coming winter in one grand battle, and to this end I would like to be one of seven or more breeders to donate \$25 each, in gold, to be given as a gold special, for the best 3 cocks, 3 hens, 5 cockerels, 5 pullets, and three pens at Madison Square Garden, New York, January, 1907.

I have in mind seven of the most widely known breeders of this variety, viz.: Simon Beuth, R. W. Sturtevant, W. R. Wooden, Andrew Riddell, L. C. Piser, A. W. Hawkins, W. T. Lord, and if these breeders have enough sand, we can see the largest and best class of Buff Wyandottes ever shown.

Come, now, boys, "cough up," and don't offer any excuses, as you will have plenty of time to get your birds in condition.

What say you all?
W. T. LORD,
Troy, N. Y.

In answer to the above challenge we print the following letter sent to us by Mr. J. E. Burt, of Athol, Mass.:

"Would you kindly allow me space in your valuable paper to reply to the challenge of Mr. W. T. Lord, of Troy, N. Y. He says in part: 'Now to know who is who, and to let the public decide for themselves who breeds the best Buff Wyandottes of to-day, etc.' Evidently Mr. Lord does not consider me eligible to compete with other breeders as my name is not included in his list. Perhaps if Mr. Lord had inserted in his challenge that the birds to compete must have been bred and raised by the exhibitor, not bought or 'borrowed' it would have been easier to have found out who was breeding the 'best Buff Wyandottes.' Perhaps Mr. Lord intended to cut out small breeders like myself by requiring them to make such a large entry as he named. We are not all blessed with the long pocketbook to go out and buy such long strings. We are not combining with two or three other breeders to show what is the 'best' of all flocks. We are showing what we have

bred ourselves. Come, Mr. Lord, modify your challenge and let us all in. Perhaps some of us small breeders would have the sand to put up. What say the other Buff Wyandotte breeders?"

Will other Buff breeders kindly send in their replies, for there are quite a few outside of those named by Mr. Lord that can show a string of good ones, and the chances are that many a "dark horse" may be under cover in the yards of some of the so-called small breeders. In order to make this game a fair and square test of real merit, no handicap in the shape of padded entries should be imposed.

W. T. Lord

IT IS TO LAUGH.

As I am a breeder and fancier of game fowls, naturally I receive a great many papers devoted to Games. In looking over the advertisements of different breeders, I saw all kinds of fancy names for different strains, and I will confess that they make me laugh; fancy names like Puff Balls, Cannon Crackers, Asphalts, etc. I believe the Game men make a great mistake in advertising that way. If you win a reputation in the pit you win it under your own name and it is worth dollars and cents to advertise your own name and not the name of a strain. Take the big breeders of Barred Plymouth Rocks. E. B. Thompson has Ringlets, A. C. Hawkins has Royal Blue, C. L. Miles has Montauk, and C. H. Wells has Wellslia, but all these gentlemen are well known by their own names and not by the name of their strain.

Just realize, brother fanciers, the free advertising they get when small breeders advertise. They have Hawkins, Thompson, Miles or Wells stock, but the Game men have a fad of naming their strain of birds, and what is the result, no one knows you.

Taking up a prominent paper devoted to the noble Game I couldn't tell who were the originators of three-quarters of the strains advertised, and I read them pretty thoroughly, and am no innocent at that.

If a man has good game cocks, let him advertise under his own name and don't hide it behind a fancy name for a strain. Another thing is that a great many people advertise a strain, say, Puff Balls, for instance, that haven't got them, and if a bird sulks or flies the pit, the originator, if known, gets the blame, so if you have Game cocks advertise under your own name and don't be afraid of the performances.

"HUTCH."

CORRECTION.

Editor American Fancier:

In looking over your list of awards at the Cincinnati Show I note that you have Fishel as winning first on cockerel and me as winning fourth and fifth. I won first and third and will thank you to correct.

J. F. DEFANDORE.

Garrett Park, Md., April 16, 06.

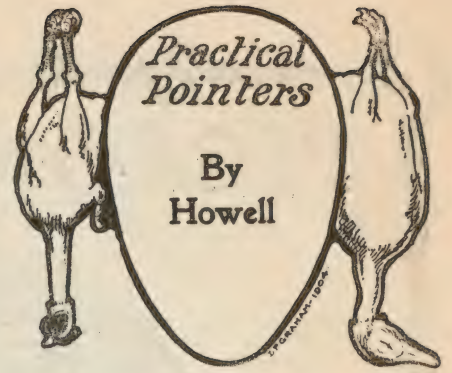
THE BEST PUBLISHED.

Editor American Fancier:

Enclosed find check for \$1.00 for the best poultry paper published. I am glad you are at the old stand again, and trust you may have success.

CHAS. T. CRAIG.

Tillson, N. Y., April 12, 06.



The poultry keeping fraternity is being especially favored these days by a continued run of good weather, and more than fortunate are those with chicks out.

There is nothing so helpful to chicken rearing as long days of bright warm sunshine, when they can chase themselves and each other around, growing every moment.

The warm days have their disadvantages, also. The ancient enemy of hendom, the louse, also feels the rejuvenating influence. Suppose Uncle Noah had his pair with every fowl. From the numerous descendants, there may have been several or more pairs. Spray the houses with whitewash and coat the roosts with kerosene.

The nicest roost arrangement we have seen, as regards to lice, is a piece of two by four scantling resting on the platform to lay the poles on, but not touching the building at any point except the platform. The least fixtures and old trash about the houses the less lice. One is conducive to the other.

I have been experimenting in a small way with dry feed since my former mention of the new way of feeding; have not gone to the extreme of absolute dry feed, but have used about one-half the moisture formerly required.

I find my bucket of feed now weighs about one-half as much, also that it is impossible for greedy hens to gorge themselves, they have to take more time to a meal. They require more water but see no difference in the output of eggs; an increase if anything.

In conversation with an advocate of the dry fed mash, he stated that he gave one quart of grain to each fifteen head in the morning when liberating for the day, and kept the dry-ground feed where they could eat it at intervals or continually throughout the day; said he could feed his stock easier and in one-half the time, and as in my case, he saw no decrease in eggs laid.

Should this method prove to be a general success, a new style of feeding devices or troughs will have to be provided, to keep the fowls from scratching in the troughs and prevent waste.

How many chicks can a hen rear successfully, depends on the size of the hen and how many you have to give her; for the American class fifteen should be an outside number, an even dozen is better; some hens will raise twenty, but they are scarce and hard to find. We have one whose brood numbers seven varieties, a neighboring hen crank says no doubt she will be a success, we hope so.

Recently we had three hens hatching at the same time, one sat irregularly and hatched a day late, her chicks were white or buff and she will not tolerate others from the brood in the next coop near her.

PIGEON FANCY

EDITED BY H. M. POCKMAN



IMPORTED THIRD PALACE—SIRE OF MANY AMERICAN WINNERS

ANNUAL MEETING EASTERN FANTAIL CLUB OF AMERICA.

Members present, Messrs. Geo. E. Rowland, Wm. J. Stanton, Jas. Blair, Alex. Hay, H. Clements, Jas. Glasgow and H. M. Pockman.

In the absence of the President, Mr. T. A. Havemeyer, Mr. George E. Rowland was called to the chair.

The following gentlemen were admitted to membership: Messrs. Coleman Young, San Marcos, Texas; G. L. Coburn, Boston, Mass.; C. Williard Hill, Hazelton, Pa.; Wm. Schock, Chicago, Ill.

Election of officers, 1906:—President, Sam'l Johnson; Vice-Presidents, Geo. E. Rowland, T. A. Havemeyer, Jas. Blair, Alex. Hay and William J. Stanton; Secretary-Treasurer, H. M. Pockman.

Proposed by Blair, seconded by Stanton, that the following gentlemen form a committee to arrange a list of specials for next season:—Messrs. Samuel Johnson, T. A. Havemeyer, George E. Rowland and H. M. Pockman. Carried.

Proposed by Pockman, seconded by Rowland, that in the list of specials the Boston and Chicago National Poultry, Pigeon and Pet Stock Association Shows shall compete for gold medal for the best Fantail in the show owned by a club member. Carried.

Proposed by Glasgow, seconded by Blair, that the Secretary send voting slips for judge at the next annual meet by July 1, 1906, to be returned on or before August 1, 1906. Carried.

Proposed by Blair, seconded by Hay, that the committee on specials shall offer money specials on all 1906 bred classes for 1st, 2d, 3d, and 4th. Carried.

Proposed by Hay, seconded by Blair, that a list of specials be printed in pamphlet form and mailed to all members. Carried.

Proposed by Hay, seconded by Glasgow, that the club meet at New York, Madison Square Garden, 1907. Carried.

Proposed by Rowland, seconded by Stanton, that the annual dues shall be \$2 instead of \$1 hereafter. Carried.

Proposed by Glasgow, seconded by Clements, that the meeting adjourn to that date. So ordered.

H. M. POCKMAN,
Secretary-Treasurer.

SEASONABLE HINTS.

In breeding fancy pigeons you should always remember that, as a general rule, the cock has the greater influence as far as color is concerned, while the hen is said to have more to do with the style, shape and body points generally. In breeding varieties where smallness of body is a feature, such as Fantails, African Owls, Pigmy Pouters, etc., try and procure as small as possible, and pair with birds strong in color. Better results will be gained by this mating than vice-versa.



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H. M. Pockman

MAGPIE TYPE.

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In my opinion an ideal Magpie should exhibit the body lifted well off the ground, showing a judicious amount of leg and thigh, proportionately similar to the Carrier, and be slender in chest, with a flat back, and a neck long in comparison to a correct body. The neck should be slender, and of almost one uniform thickness, tapering off at the shoulders. In this latter respect it should again bear a resemblance to the Carrier, but in a miniature form, and be in direct opposition to the Tumbler. The bill should be fairly long and straight, and the face of the bird should be about the same extent, and duly filled in, the head gradually and almost imperceptibly rising from the wattle to immediately above the eye, which should be the highest point, then gently falling away to the neck, making a clean finished, and graceful sweep of skull. The eye, of course, should be white, with a minute pupil, and perfected with a fine salmon cere and wattle. It is needless to say that the bird should be wholly free from gullet. Briefly speaking, the making of a good Magpie is correctness and brightness of colour (an important element), eye and cere, shapely head, straight face, freedom from gullet, sweetness of bearing, and erect and high carriage, combined with slenderness, the latter being one of the chief characteristics of the bird, which, however, must not exhibit weediness.

I consider the Magpie complying

made, a bird of this character would compare most favourably with, and in many instances would excel, the short legged and short necked undesirable type of the past, in regard to slimness of body. Moreover, I fear that the reason why certain fanciers are trying to quell the reachy bird, is because they either do not possess it, or have not the heart to surmount the difficulty attending its production.

I concur that heavy built reds of a plummy colour should be excluded from the prize list, colour being essentially one of the foremost necessities of the present day Magpie.

Many persons believe if they have got a Magpie with a long bill (which they term face), and well cut, they have a bird to be proud of, but this idea is altogether erroneous, as you must particularly have length of neck, combined with all round qualities, to make a show bird. Fanciers must bear in mind that they must breed to colour, the correct tint must be upheld, and type rigidly maintained.

JUDGING FANTAILS AT BOSTON.

Editor American Fancier:

I notice in your editorial of April 7th a short article referring to Mr. Geo. Rowland's imported White Fantail cock, winner of the Fantail Cup at the Crystal Palace Show last November. Also a number of other remarks, bearing on the judging, etc., at the recent Boston Show. Being a firm believer in your old established policy of giving both sides of the house an airing, I take up my pen to try and offset any wrong impression that might have gone abroad amongst the Fantail fanciers, through reading the fore-mentioned article.

Being personally acquainted with a number of facts, connected with the English winner, I believe it my duty, in justice to the bird itself, to give those facts to the fancy in general, and let them form their own opinion, whether the judge propagated a case of mental aberration, or whether the bird was fairly beaten; as shown.

To correct the first error in the article, the bird was never shown at New York, and consequently could not have won a prize. He did not arrive from across the water until the latter part of the week, and to quote my friend Rowland's own words; he said, "the bird was rough and somewhat out of condition."

Now to the Boston Show, I was on the anxious seat, until I got a glimpse of the much-touted champion of the other side, and lost no time in getting to the pen where Brother Pockman had just placed him. I saw at a glance that the proper place for the bird was at home in the loft; tail fagged, and a gap in the centre an inch wide, the feathers not properly dried from the washing process, and all in all, showing the wear and tear of what he had gone through.

A Fantail out of feather is bad enough to see anywhere, but when pitted against the cream of the other lofts, in the show room, it is only natural that its condition would tell against it.

All feathered stock have to be judged on their merits at the time of judging, and not on past performances, no matter how great they may have been. The quality of this bird is beyond question, but our experience has been, that condition is the trump card

with the above requirements is the typical one to breed to, being an undoubted advancement upon the almost antiquated Tumbler kind of bird, and the road to advancement, and not retrogression.

The reachy bird, to my mind, is the bird of the future, and although it has apparently appeared large to some, yet it is discernible to the experienced eye and thoughtful brain, that it is the length of leg and neck which has caused this delusion, and if due scrutiny and careful observation were

to be played when seeking the coveted blue ribbon.

Now to the more delicate question, that of a competent judge to adjudicate on show crackerjacks of to-day and the has-beens of yesterday. The judge in question has been a breeder of Fans for a good many years, has imported at great cost, some of England's best, has bought of friend Pockman some ideal specimens, and at the present moment owns as fine a loft of Black Fantails as the writer has ever seen, the majority of them bred by himself.

Now, my dear Editor, you must agree with me, that this is the proper school to attend, if one desires to learn what an up-to-date Fantail is, and I certainly must take exception to Mr. Rowland's remarks, when he asserts that the gentleman is not up on Fantails.

The Boston management were congratulating themselves on having solved the problem of a Fantail judge and no doubt Mr. Rowland's assertions will strike them like a bolt out of a clear sky.

When at the Show I was given to understand that Mr. Johnson would be requested to officiate again, because of the general satisfaction displayed by the exhibitors present.

Mistakes were made, as they always will be, where large classes of good quality are encountered, but that there was any favors shown to anyone in the awards was a revelation to me.

I trust friend Rowland will reconsider his decision in regard to not showing under this judge again, as the fancy can ill afford to lose the support of such a sportsmanlike fancier.

I agree with you, in that Secretaries should provide the most competent judges available, but nine times out of ten, they are dictated to by Specialist Clubs, who nominate a member for the honor, and if he fails to make good they swallow their medicine and say nothing.

JAMES GLASGOW.

SPRING.

Open up the windows
Looking to the south,
See the red carnation
Like a coaxing mouth
Holding up for kisses;
Summer is about,
All the trees are burgeoning,
Buds are coming out.

Open up the windows,
Open all the doors,
Yank the rugs and carpets
Up from all the floors,
Wreck the cozy corners,
Summer is about,
Time you're getting busy,
Turn the microbes out.

Hang the rugs and carpets
Out upon the line,
Where the air is balmy
Where the glories twine;
Leave them there where papa,
Fat and short of breath,
Can get action on them,
Beat himself to death.

Spring is in our midst now,
Flowers all a-bloom,
Suds and soap and dust-rags
Litter every room;
Waxy spuds for supper,
Crusts all dried and hard;
Red rugs and carnations
Littering the yard.

THE SILKY FOWL.

(From The American Stock-Keeper.)

A small fowl, the cocks ranging from two and one-half to four pounds each, and the hens from two to two and a half pounds; of a rather square, compact, Cochon build; crested, the cock's crest running back horizontally, while the hen's is globular; Dorking-toed; feathered legged; double comb of lumpy character, broader than its length, with few or no points on top, and of a dark purplish color; earlobes blue or purple tinged with white; skin violet approaching black, the covering of the bones being of the same color; shanks dark blue or black; plumage in color white, in character resembling the downy part of the ordinary feather; that is the Silky fowl.

It is not singular that its strange appearance early attracted the attention of naturalists, and we therefore expect to find something said about it as we look into the old books. Nor are we disappointed. Gesner, who lived from 1516 to 1565, in his "History of Birds," published engravings of several varieties of poultry. One of these, by him termed Gallina Lanigera, represents a woolly hen, a rose-combed, clean-legged, four-toed bird, without tail feathers. Aldrovandus, to whose work, published in 1645, we have several times referred, also describes and illustrates a woolly hen and affirms that in the East fowls are bred whose plumage is white as snow, that they are covered not with feathers but with wool, like sheep, and that in the city of Quelinfu, M. Paulus Venetus says that hens are to be found which have hairs like a cat. In the illustration of Aldrovandus we find that the woolly fowl is tailless, with invisible wings, a double comb deeply serrated, well developed wattles, short, stout legs, and four toes upon each foot. It has been suggested that this fowl might have been a frizzled fowl or a cassowary, but in all probability it was what we now term a Silky fowl, or, as our Standard has it in the plural, "Silkies."

Its native home is in the east of Asia. Mr. Edward Blyth, once Curator of the Asiatic Society's museum, writing from Calcutta, says: "The only Silky fowls I have seen here were from China or Malacca or Singapore; the latter with single red combs and wattles; the former with complex, blackish rose combs, very short stubby beaks, and a quantity of glaucous blue skin in place of wattles, imparting a most remarkable appearance."

It will be noticed that the representation of the old authors give us a four-toed fowl, while the modern Silky has a fifth toe. Whence came this extra toe? Upon this subject all of the books are silent, although we know that the fifth toe occasionally disappears and four-toed chickens are bred. Did it come in as the result of some cross, or was it produced accidentally? We do not know, and we have never seen the question before suggested.

Silky fowls look much larger than they are. Their feathers, when in prime condition, are exceeding loose and fluffy, standing out from the body in all directions, giving them an apparent size which their actual weight does not justify. The smaller specimens are often exhibited as Silky Bantams, and they are not inappropriately included in that class, for they often scarcely exceed the stand-

ard weights for such varieties as the Sebrights and Rose Combs.

The Silky fowl lays a small egg of a pale buff color. They lay from ten to twenty-five before offering to sit, and make exceedingly good sitters, exemplary mothers, and valuable fowls under which to rear Bantams, Pheasants and Partridges. Their downy plumage makes a warm coverlid for the tender little ones of the more delicate varieties. Indeed, so well suited are they for this purpose that some have declared it a mistake to breed them small, but that they ought to be bred as large as possible and kept for the especial purpose of hatching and rearing the young of other varieties.

The chickens of the White Silky are clad, when first hatched, in canary colored down, and are exceedingly pretty and attractive little creatures. They are not difficult to rear if not hatched too early in the season. About the first of May in New England would be early enough for this purpose.

The Silky fowl is easily restrained by low fences, its wings being of but little use for flight owing to the structure of the feathers, and is happy and contented in confinement. It is a fair layer and easily kept. But its dark skin and the colored bones make it appear unsightly upon the table. Its flesh, however, when once the prejudice to the color of the skin is overcome, is delicious eating, as Temminck early remarked. "It is certain," he says, "that the flavor and whiteness of the flesh of these fowls greatly surpasses that of other poultry, and if their disagreeable aspect when on a dish did not keep them from our tables, we should estimate them as fully equal to Guinea fowls, which they resemble in the whiteness and flavor of the flesh."

The Silky fowl is hardy, being specially subject but to one disease, scaly legs, or elephantiasis. To this trouble it seems more liable than most fowls, but as it is easily cured when it appears, and may be prevented by good care, this is not a very serious objection.

A more serious one is the fact that their feathers become more easily saturated with water during wet weather, and that from this cause, colds, and the serious train of ills which follow them, are likely to ensue. This difficulty is to be overcome by affording them better protection from rain storms.

In crossing the Silky with other varieties the plumage loses its distinctive character in the progeny, but the dark colored skin is retained, for several generations. Like the sins of the father in the human race, it "is visited upon the children even to the third and fourth generations." Such crossed fowls, however, seem to inherit the excellent sitting qualities of the Silky, and while of little market value, are excellent for the purposes of incubation.

But very few Silkies are bred in this country, while in England they have been popular enough to secure a class for themselves at some of the shows, and not only that but to fill it with a goodly number so as to make competition close.

The plumage of the Cochon partakes more or less of the character of the Silky fowl, and in some specimens it so closely resembles it as to win for it the name of Silky Cochon or Emu fowl. It is worth while to give atten-



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tion to this fact, and to further resemblance in figure, feathered legs and other characteristics, even to the incubating instinct so strongly developed, and the color of the eggs. That the combs should be entirely distinct is a matter not to be surprised at when one remembers the relationship between the single-combed Cochin and the pea-combed Brahma. Here is a comb which is only rose by courtesy, resembles somewhat the pea, although quite different, approaching the Malay type of pea-comb, and yet upon a bird with many decided Cochin characteristics.

Silky fowls with a black plumage have been reported, but we have never seen any, nor have we heard of any being exhibited. It is quite possible that coal black chickens might be produced from White Silkies, as they certainly have appeared among other white varieties.

There is often confounded with the Silky fowl, in compilations upon poultry, the Negro cock, which has a black skin and dark periosteum, but plumage like ordinary fowls. This latter fowl is a probable cross of the Silky with some other variety, inasmuch as we have seen that in such a cross the black skin is retained, while the silky plumage is lost. This is rendered still more probable from the fact that the Negro cock is in some localities called the bastard Silk fowl. It has a black plumage with bronze reflections, and shows its relationship to the Silky in the manner already indicated, and also in the general characteristics of figure, legs, comb, and so forth. By some writers it is regarded as a distinct variety, but we think there can be little doubt that it originated in a cross. It may now breed with sufficient certainty to be properly regarded as a distinct variety. Silky fowls themselves are often called Negro fowls because of the color of their skin. This variety is so little bred in the United States as hardly to demand directions for mating, yet, as it may be more extensively cultivated in the future, such directions are not out of place. In selecting the brood stock, special prominence should be given to the silky or fringe-like character of the plumage, as this is the fowl's most distinctive feature. The crest should next be considered, and then the general symmetry, the fifth toe, the leg feathering and the purity of the color. As the combs are somewhat uncertain, only rose combed birds should be bred from. In a word, select Standard specimens of both sexes, and rigidly adhere to this rule in all matings. This is the best rule for most breeds, and the only rule for Silkies that promises success.

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The long list of owners of the "entire stock" of a certain strain of Buff Cochin Bantams sold recently, rivals, in point of numbers, the heirs of Anneka Jans, or the nails from the coffin of Christ, found in the cathedrals of Europe.

The International Bantam Breeders Association, of Chicago, has sent out invitations in several languages to Eastern Bantam men requesting them to become members. It is hoped that it will have the success which it merits, but unless Chicago puts up a greater exhibit of Bantams than at the last show, the Western breeders must join hands with the National Bantam Association and meet in New York. Isn't that proper, Clyde?

Charles Buff Cochin Smith, of Brooklyn, has recently started a poultry feed and supply store in that bailiwick across the bridge. His friends wish him success in his venture and hope that he will not take in any wooden money.

Bantam breeders, as well as others, are glad to learn that the Furst Kaiser Wilhelm der Erste, from Bremen, with her hold full of "Pilsner Papers," has been reported off Fire Island. Hope she won't slip when she comes to dock.

Alderman H. J. Quilhot, of Johnstown, N. Y., is reported to have sold everything in feathers except his canary bird, but Quil is pretty apt to become chicken-hearted again soon. His last success was with Silkies, but he found that it interfered with his milk business. After looking at the purple or blue heads of the birds he couldn't tell whether he had water enough in his milk or not. John Blunck bought the Silkies, but he isn't in the milk business.

UNCLE DUDLEY.

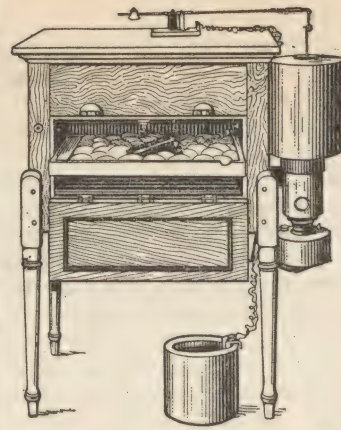
MR. RIDDELL RE-ANSWERED.

Editor American Fancier:

I see that Mr. Riddell has answered my criticism of his "write-up" of "Buff Wyandottes at New York," and makes it appear that I claim Ed. Pensyl's cock bird to be the best in the class. I thought so at the time, but I discovered later that his shanks were filled with stubs. As to 1st and 2d cockerels, will say that they were absolutely solid Buff, while 3d cockerel had lots of dark in his wing, and tail was almost solid black. If 3d cockerel had been changed to 1st, of course, there would have been no harm done, simply because it would have pleased Mr. Riddell. Mr. Riddell writes that on account of my tender age as a breeder and exhibitor, he is sorry that he hurt my feelings, etc., etc.

Forget it, Mr. Riddell, for I understand I hurt your feelings very much when I beat you at the Great Eastern Show. GEORGE M. BELL.

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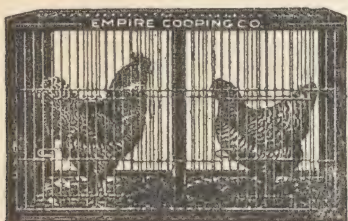
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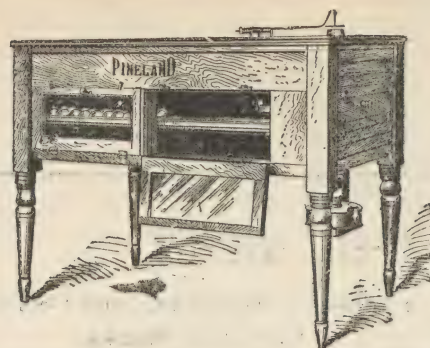
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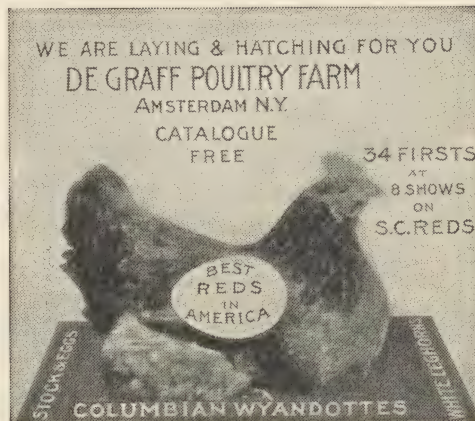
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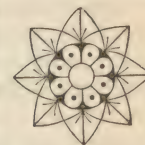
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Something About Brooder Chicks and Brooders

BY MRS. DENTON COLE, WINWOOD, PA.



At this season, this is an interesting topic, especially to the amateur, and judging from the number of inquiries received relative to different brooders, and the care of chicks, after writing an article on "Brooders and Brooder Chicks" for another publication I thought perhaps I might be able to help some of the readers of The American Fancier, (for while the leading fanciers do read this invaluable paper, still I imagine all its readers are not experienced fanciers.)

I will begin by telling how my little fellows are doing now. Then we will consider some of the essentials to success in raising brooder chicks. My first hatch was put in brooder March 17, 49 little puff balls, 46 of which were sturdy, lively Wyandottes. Two were weaklings and were killed. The third was a little runt; lively, but a regular bantam. The 45 others are now as lively and strong as one can wish. The eggs that produced these chicks were laid during, and just after, the coldest weather and most severe blizzard of the season. But how they do grow! I never saw such shanks and bone for the age as some of these possess. I weighed two of them when just four weeks old and the two weighed a little over 1 pound. They are feathering finely, wing feathers all out, tail feathers starting, also most of them getting back, breast and thigh fluff as well as hackles, well started; there is not a nude one in the bunch as is usually the case. I attribute this—whether rightly or not—to the liberal diet of beef scrap and milk, of which I shall speak at length later on.

The next lot of 41 were put in brooder on the 8th inst., and so far are doing nicely, (by the way, I always put chicks in brooder at night, putting them directly under cover.) These are all in an open scratching shed, with double burlap curtains, which are lowered at night if cold; if pleasant both are raised during the day, and the little fellows are allowed to revel in the sunshine, where the older ones dig away and work all day in the litter. Until to-day, the little ones have seen no sun. Just after putting these out, we had the worst storm of the season, a driving, alternating rain, sleet and snow directly from the south; and it was necessary to keep the outer curtain down continually. This was followed by two damp, foggy days, but still, so curtain could be raised, and they could see to eat and drink.

After putting first lot of little ones out, we had a hard, cold storm, also, so they had to be confined to hover for three days, but as there was

plenty of room they did not suffer at all.

For the benefit of those who did not read my previous article, I will tell just how I care for the chicks from the shell to weaning time. It is unnecessary to tell those with the least experience, that the chicks must be strong to begin with. This means you must go back to parents and even further and know their ancestors were strong of constitution, free from hereditary taint of disease; then with proper care of breeding stock, your chicks have the chance to start in life as they should, and if properly brooded and cared for, they come in the world to stay—until their mission is fulfilled. In speaking of care, I want to emphasize the necessity of starting right, for I verily believe that the first few days of a chick's life determines to a considerable degree its future career. Understand, I do not mean you can give proper care a few days and after that neglect them, and expect fine, healthy birds; but I do mean that I think no amount of after-care can compensate for early neglect. It is time and labor thrown away to fuss with any decided weaklings; besides it is less cruel to quickly and humanely dispatch such, than to allow them to drag out a miserable existence for a few days or weeks. If the breeders are in prime condition and health, the proportion of weaklings will be reduced to the minimum if incubation has been right, but in any large flock, with the best of care, etc., there will be some. All lower animals, and it seems fowls especially, follow the example of many ill-bred school children I have seen, and constantly "pick at" the weak or unfortunate ones in the flock. Note how quickly they domineer over one that is indisposed or disabled.

After the hatching is all over in the machines and the last ones dried off, I remove the trays and leave the babes in the nursery to rest and gain strength until the first hatched are about 36 hours old. I leave the door open a trifle, by tying a string to the knob and hanging over a nail driven in the machine. When the machine is started, I put papers over entire bottom and over these is spread 1½ to 2 inches nearly dry fine earth, warmed in oven, if cold weather. Since using this I have less cripples, (I believe one cause of incubator cripples is sprawling out on a smooth board floor) and chicks seem stronger and more vigorous. If we notice, usually it is the chicks hatched from "stolen" nests, on the ground, that come into the world with the greatest strength and endurance. Old Mother Earth is a wonderful strength giver.

When the oldest babes are about 24

hours old, I sprinkle liberally on top of the dirt, near the glass door, fine, sharp grit and oyster shells obtained by sifting the refuse from the hens' boxes. They amuse themselves picking this up and it prepares the gizzard for the work that will be given it a little later. At about 36 hours of age they usually begin to grow restless, cheep and go about with heads down, showing plainly they are beginning to suffer for the one great need of incubator and brooder chicks, drink. So an old tea cup is procured, with a chink in the edge if possible, is filled about two-thirds full of skim milk that has been scalded, then filled up with boiled water, and we are particular it shall be just about "blood warm." A saucer is turned over the filled cup, both are quickly inverted over a vessel, and placed on a small thin board where the babes can reach it. It is only an instant before a bright little investigator learns what it is in that saucer (how quick they do learn!). In a very short time, others are "doing likewise"—another lesson of influence if we too, are ready to learn—and how soon the little heads go bobbing up and down as they sip their milk, and utter their contented little "wheat, wheat, wheat, wheat." From this time on the drinking fountain is kept filled and constantly before them, and I attribute in a great measure my success to the free use of warm scalded milk. So far as I know, I am the only writer to advocate the withholding of water from brooder chicks—except what they get in the milk. This satisfies them just the same as clear water, and common sense teaches me it prevents bowel trouble. We all know one great cause of bowel trouble is chilling. A brooder chick breathing the heated air is very thirsty, and if allowed to drink all the cold water necessary to quench its thirst it must become chilled internally. Warm water is neither refreshing nor satisfying; warm milk is both, and is the natural food for all young animals, and chicks seem to thrive on it as much as others. But it means work! The dishes must be kept sweet and clean or the "blessing becomes a curse" most emphatically, and brings about the very thing we are trying to avoid at this season. Once a day is sufficient to renew. If emptied, washed and scalded at night, it is ready for filling fresh when feeding in the morning. I use a good soap powder in washing, but sal soda or borax is as good; the latter especially is a disinfectant and cleanser. In hot weather the dishes must be cleaned 2 to 4 times daily, as they soon sour, even when carefully shaded. My chicks, so far this season, have not had a drink of water alone, and will not

have until they get on the ground and get it themselves, and a healthier, more thrifty lot it would be hard to find. Not one with a sign of bowel trouble, none "pasted up behind," all bright and lively.

The grit and drink constitutes their first "meal" when about 48 hours old, if they act very hungry; still earlier, I scatter some fine dry grain for them to get, after feeling sure each has had a "feed" of the grit. In the case of my first lot this year, and one other small brood, of which I raised each one hatched, this feed was simply fine, cracked corn (the coarse meal, that did not pass the kitchen sieve). The other flock was fed exclusively on the corn and milk until able to forage, i. e., with the addition of green food. This year, as I have no other greens, I chop up potato peels, etc., and give them. I also give, once a day, feed of "johnny cake," made of 1 part bran to 3 parts corn meal, with the infertile eggs added at first (which are few), and later, as I test often, those that die in the shell (which are many) a little salt and charcoal is put in, then all mixed with sour milk and soda into a stiff dough, and baked very thoroughly in a moderate oven; lately cooked vegetables are added. The soft side is crumbled fine and fed in dishes or on boards, the hard outer crust, after being well dried in oven, is run through the food chopper, then sifted; the coarse particles are fed dry, the fine put in next cake, or if eggs are boiled, is mixed with them. I shall not bother with johnny cakes from now on, as I have my supply of "Model" foods on hand now, and grass will soon be here. I used it before for variety. I do not think it pays to fuss with such things as a rule, but where there are only a few chicks, and variety limited, as a relish it may be advisable. I keep a dish of the coarse part sifted from beef scrap before them constantly, the same as grit and shell; they will not eat too much if allowed to go to them at will. Some writers advocate feeding this lightly after two or three weeks, etc. If you watch the hen leaving her nest with her brood of sturdy youngsters, about the first thing you will see her do is to scratch out some worms, etc., for them; then a blade of grass, then some weed seed probably, then some more worms or a bug; by far the greater proportion of their first few day's rations, is animated. Another theory I wanted to knock in the head is "feed little and often." You often see this, even at this late date. I used to do this "every two hours." I took my dish of "bread soaked in milk and squeezed dry" or "hard boiled eggs crumbled fine, shell and all" johnny

cakes, etc., and fed "a little" going the rounds, until when I was through it was "time to start over again" feet aching, and all tired out. Notwithstanding all this, my little pets would get bowel trouble. The little wings would droop, the birds would get "pasted up" "go around on stilts" a few days crying "cuddle me, cuddle me, cuddle me," then death would end their sorrows—but not mine. By the way, observation has taught me to believe there are two prime causes of this "pasting up" business; one is chilling the other is feeding too soon "pasty" food, such as eggs, bread and milk, etc., and especially oats. Since getting a brooder—not a death box—and starting chicks on dry corn, etc., I have none of this trouble. After about two weeks I have good success feeding hard-boiled eggs (as a relish). From three to four weeks, one of the best of feeds is hulled oats, and I can raise fine birds on them and the cracked corn, with beef scraps and the milk to drink, although I like a good mixed scratching of growing feed better, (I sift it early and give them the finer portions, after too large for the nursery food.) When about six weeks old they can take the regular scratch feed entire, and I can recommend the Model. I can conceive of no better ration than this, supplemented with hulled oats as complete grain food, and with separate boxes of good bran, beef scrap, charcoal, grit and shell, or better yet cracked bone, (although this brand of beef scrap contains considerable of this), if on free range of grass with protection from cold and storms, or if in summer, from hot sun, chicks certainly should do their best. Remember to keep the brooder itself shaded during most of the day in summer. Keep the food before the chicks all the time, and they will grow.

and vitality). 5th. It must have an exercising or feeding room, of sufficient size to accommodate the little boarders, for at least the first few days, where the dry grain should be scattered in litter—preferably chaff or cut clover. They soon learn to work in this, which gives them needed exercise and keeps them (like human workers) contented. 6th. It must be well lighted, especially in exercising room, and hover also should have plenty of light, as they will then more readily learn to go in when cold. 7th. It should have low entrance to show the tiny babes the way to warmth, without too much time and trouble on the caretaker's part. (If the "wooden mother" could only give the call for shelter and protection, we could wish for no more!) I think the lamp under hover the best arrangement, as it saves in oil, and helps to warm the entire floor, and also saves space. For several reasons, hot air is better than hot water, for brooder heating. If outdoor brooder, the entire roof must, of course, be rain proof. The first I had, had one side hinged part way down, with consequent leaking unless covered.

I think the new style colony brooders much superior to hinged roof. The superiority of the side-door style over the hinged roof opening, is very apparent upon a moment's consideration. One of the foremost essentials of a good brooder is easy access for cleaning. It must be kept sweet and clean, or the inhabitants cannot thrive. The hover floor should be well covered with some absorbent, and I have found, here also, dry earth to be the best of anything. The little ones imbibe strength from Mother Earth, here, while sleeping or resting. The same as they did in embryo, in the warm, moist, and old weather, I have found, here also, dry earth to be the best of anything. The little ones imbibe strength from Mother Earth, here, while sleeping or resting. The same as they did in embryo, in the warm, moist, and old weather, I have found, here also, dry earth to be the best of anything.

will. If I could succeed in hatching artificially as well as rearing the hatched birds, I should be able to more nearly supply the demand for "Ideal" Silver Wyandottes. But when I get a more suitable place to run incubator I expect to do much better with that.

I am going to "take the bull by the horns" this time, and say the brooders I am now so successfully using are the old style Star. I was literally "swamped" with inquiries after my article was printed in January, and while I like to be helpful in any way possible, and am in full sympathy with enquirers, still my time is more than taken up, so for the sake of any others wishing like information, I give the name of my choice of brooders, brand of feed, etc., as experience has made me wise." I can recommend these, as I know they are O. K., but I doubt not there are others as good. I know there are others that can produce good results, but having the "proof" of these, I can speak with decision, and mention them solely for the sake of helping those who are unable to decide for themselves.

RADFORD'S REPLY.

Editor American Fancier:

I have just noticed "Schillings' Story," in your issue of April 14th. In regard to this matter my explanation will be very short. But before beginning it I would like to call your attention to a few facts concerning the controversy itself. Mr. Schilling says, "I have written Mr. Radford several times regarding this matter but he has failed to reply." This statement is not true. My first letter from Mr. Schilling regarding this matter was dated March 12th. I replied to this at some length on the 14th, and know that my reply was received, for I received a few days later a letter from Mr. Schilling in answer to same, which was a receipt of my

chased every bird that he owned. course, although I purchased the entire flock, I realized that some individual birds were sold before I purchased them. Undoubtedly the Messrs. Schilling have sold numerous birds during the past few years and it is very natural that such are not included in the sale to me even though I did purchase the entire flock. If I cannot advertise having purchased all the Schilling Buff Cochin Bantams (i. e. the entire flock) it certainly seems to me that no flock has ever been bought entire nor could such a transaction ever have been advertised.

Now if I had advertised buying the entire flock of birds including all the Boston, New York and Hagerstown winners I probably would not be blameless. But I did nothing of the sort. I simply made a general assertion concerning the winnings of a flock of birds just as the Messrs. Schilling would have done had they retained the birds. My claim of "Winners at Boston, New York, Hagerstown and other leading shows" is so general that it can work no harm to any person who may have bought individual winners at any one of these shows. The firm of Schilling & Prager now takes advertising space in The American Fancier for the first time and I am sure there is nothing contradictory in their ad and mine. Why then should they be so anxious to pick a flaw in my advertisement? Do they expect me to use my space for advertising their stock? To me it seems that the place for them to make known their winnings is their own advertising space. As I wrote Mr. Drevenstedt, this impresses me as being a tempest in a teapot and it certainly is such a puerile controversy that I almost feel ashamed to take part. In regard to winning it is enough to say that I HAVE Boston and Hagerstown Winners. The Schilling Buffs have won on numerous occasions at New York and as I purchased the flock I have a right to advertise these winners. Mr.

Agriculture OR Field & Garden

Cultivation of Strawberries.

The following instructions for handling strawberry plants from the time they are received from the nursery until they come into bearing, are in accordance with the best methods of successful fruit growers, says Epitomist:

If possible you should have your ground ready for planting when the plants are received from the nursery, but if the ground is not ready they should be set temporarily in rows about two inches thick and four inches of dirt between the rows.

You will find that the sooner the plants are set the better the growth they will make, and those set as soon as received from the nursery will require less pains to get them to grow.

The ground should be thoroughly worked and leveled. The rows should be marked with something light so as not to ridge the ground. The rows should be thirty inches apart and the plants sixteen inches apart in the rows.

A hoe with a handle ten to twelve inches long should be used in setting the plants. Stick the corner of the hoe in the ground and draw the dirt slightly, place the plant in the hole and press the ground around it with the hand.

In setting when the ground is moist this need not be done as particularly as when it is dry. When the soil is in right condition one should set from 8,000 to 10,000 plants a day.

The plants should be cultivated at least four times the first season and the weeds kept hoed out, but when hoeing do not dig too much around the plants.

The runners should be cut about two weeks after the strawberry season is over and again in about six weeks.

The plants should be well cultivated and all weeds hoed out before laying them by for winter.

In the spring they should be cultivated as soon as the ground will do to work and again about the time they begin to bud or bloom. A fine-toothed cultivator should be used in the spring, and when hoeing be sure not to cut the roots, as it will put them back, making the crop late.

If these instructions are followed, you will be surprised with the growth of your plants and the size and quality of berries. Cultivated in this way on good soil, one acre should yield about 2,500 quarts.

Agricultural Knowledge

The ambitious young man who has a natural inclination for agriculture should acquire all the useful knowledge possible about his prospective profession, says Rural Home. Theoretical knowledge taught in the colleges is usually a digest of actual experiments and shows a young man how to proceed in all the various lines of agriculture. The young man intending to devote his life to business or one of the skilled professions seeks business education or serves an apprenticeship to the trade. The young man who is a student in agricultural

knowledge and has had some practical farm experience will command a higher salary than the city clerk.

Many wealthy men own farms and operate them from a sentiment or for a retreat from the business cares of the commercial world. They need a foreman or general manager and are always ready to engage a competent young man who is well posted on up-to-date agricultural methods. The well informed, efficient young man will always command higher wages on the farm than the unskilled employee. Not only increased wages, but the ambition and prospect of ownership of a farm should stimulate young men to seek higher agricultural information.

Finding Out What Pays.

It is not only important for a farmer to know whether, upon the whole, he is losing or gaining, but it is, if anything, more important for him to know at what point he is losing or gaining, that he may cut off those things which do not pay, and stress those which pay best. Is he a cotton raiser? If so, does it pay him to raise cotton in the way he has been doing it? Does it pay him to use fertilizers on cotton? Does the rotation of crops he now follows pay best? Does it pay better to raise or buy stock, to raise hogs or buy bacon; to keep ten head of cattle or half that number? Would some other money crop pay better on his farm than cotton? These and dozens of other like questions he may ask himself, and study to very great advantage. Some of these he may answer pretty satisfactorily from his individual experiments only. Don't conclude that since the government has established experiment stations there is no need of farmers to making experiments. The stations make experiments to establish general principles; the farmer should experiment to ascertain how best to apply those principles to his individual farm. Every farm has something peculiar to itself which calls for special treatment. But experiments teach little unless full, systematic record is kept. Experience loses much of its value in the absence of records. One cannot trust to his memory alone; last impressions always overshadow and dominate those that are older.—Southern Cultivator.

DATES CLAIMED.

Under this heading there will appear each week a list of all the shows claiming dates for the coming season. Secretaries of poultry, pigeon and pet stock exhibitions will confer a favor by sending in the dates selected as promptly as possible. It is not only a convenience and guide to secretaries of shows that have not selected their dates, but of great interest to readers of The American Fancier, a majority of whom are exhibitors.

The name of secretary and judges will be appreciated when sending in notices.

Aug. 21-24—Cortlandt, N. Y. Cortlandt County Agricultural Society, W. J. Greenman, Secretary.
October 2-5, Chatham, N. Y. Columbia County Agricultural Society, W. A. Dardess, Secretary.
Nov. 12-17—Houston, Tex., Howey S. Fox, Jr., Secretary.
Nov. 12-17, San Jose, Cal. Santa Clara Valley Poultry and Pet Stock Association, E. Van Every, Secretary, Edenvale, Cal.
Nov. 21-23, West Haven, Conn. D. A. Nichols, D. J. Lambert, W. R. Graves, Judges; E. J. Crawford, Secretary.
Nov. 27-Dec. 1, York, Pa. C. T. Cornman, William G. Minich, Judges; J. N. Lovett, Secretary.
Dec. 3-9, San Francisco, Cal. California Poultry Association, J. C. Williams, Secretary, Fruitvale, Cal.

Dec. 4-7, Philmont, N. Y. D. A. Nichols, Judge; G. J. Anderson, Secretary.
Dec. 4-8—Youngstown, O., H. J. Cossler, Secretary.
Dec. 4-8—Wilkes Barre, Pa., David T. Miller, Secretary.
Dec. 4-8—Providence, R. I., Rhode Island Poultry Association, W. I. Brown, Secretary, 6 Exchange Place.
Dec. 5-8, Grand Rapids, Wis. Grand Rapids Poultry Association; B. G. Eggert, Secretary; Frank Heck, Judge.
Dec. 5-8, Paterson, N. J. Paterson Poultry, Pigeon and Pet Stock Association; Charles Frost, Secretary.
Dec. 5-8, Danbury, Conn. Western Connecticut Poultry Association, Charles H. Brundage, Secretary; Judges, J. H. Drevenstedt, T. F. McGrew, Hon. David Nichols and W. H. Card.
Dec. 5-8, Ellensburg, Wash., Harry H. Collier, Judge; Mrs. S. F. Montgomery, Secretary.
Dec. 6-9—Danbury, Conn., C. H. Brundage, Secretary.
Dec. 11-14, Lewistown, Mo. Lewistown Poultry Association; A. O. Brooking, Secretary, La Belle, Mo.; Frank Heck, Judge.
Dec. 11-14, Winsted, Conn. F. D. Hallet, Secretary.
Dec. 11-16, Tacoma, Wash., Henry Berar and Harry H. Collier, Judges; Mrs. C. A. Pratt, Secretary.
Dec. 12-14—Kingston, N. Y., F. E. Miller, Secretary, Rifton, N. Y.
Dec. 12-15—Corsicana, Tex., W. E. Elliott, Secretary, Box 281.
Dec. 12-15, Fresno, Cal. Fresno Poultry, Pigeon and Pet Stock Association, George R. Andrews, Secretary.
Dec. 12-15, Stoughton, Wis. Stoughton Poultry Association; Sylvanus Ames, Secretary; Frank Heck, Judge.
Dec. 12-15, St. Mary's, Ohio. Wick Hathaway, Judge; F. F. Aschbacher, Secretary.
Dec. 17-22, North Yakima, Wash., W. C. Denny, Judge; S. H. Schreiner, Secretary.
Dec. 18-21, Geneva, Ohio. R. H. Munger, Secretary.
Dec. 19-22, Holland, Mich. Holland Poultry and Pet Stock Association; L. S. Sprietsma, Secretary; Frank Heck, Judge.
Dec. 19-22, Mohnsville, Pa. Wyomissing Poultry Association; George W. Hatt, Secretary, Mohn's Store, Pa.; Charles T. Cornman, Judge.
Dec. 20-22, Wenatchee, Wash., Harry H. Collier, Judge; John N. Johnson, Secretary.
Jan. 2-5, South Bend, Wash., Harry H. Collier, Judge; F. M. Heath, Secretary.
Jan. 7-11, Aurora, Ill. Aurora Poultry Association; Walter M. Smith, Secretary; Frank Heck, Judge.
Jan. 7-12, Auburn, N. Y. Annual meeting of American Poultry Association with Auburn Fanciers' Association. J. H. Scott, Secretary.
Jan. 8-10, Lenox, Mass. Honest "Dave" and Shaylor, Judges; L. H. Peters, Secretary.
Jan. 8-11, Middletown, Conn. Middlesex County Poultry, Pigeon and Pet Stock Association; Arthur L. Clark, Secretary.
Jan. 8-11, Middletown, Conn. Graves and Bunnell, Judges; Arthur L. Clark, Secretary.
Jan. 8-13, Seattle, Wash., George D. Holden, Judge; N. Anderson, Secretary.
Jan. 9-12, Alameda, Cal. Alameda County Poultry Association, C. G. Hinds, Secretary.
Jan. 9-13, Chilton, Wis. Chilton Poultry and Pet Stock Association; A. Stransky, Secretary; Frank Heck, Judge.
Jan. 15-19, 1907—Kansas City, Mo., P. H. DePree, Secretary.
Jan. 15-19—Angola, Ind., Tri-State P. and P. S. Association, W. K. Sheffer, Secretary.
Jan. 16-20, Charlotte, N. C. Charlotte Poultry Association; W. B. Alexander, Secretary.
Jan. 16-22, Portland, Oregon, Elmer Dixon, Judge; F. Fenwick and E. Carlisle, Secretaries.
Jan. 21-26, Walla Walla, Wash., Elmer Dixon, Judge; J. M. Davis, Secretary.
Jan. 28-Feb. 2, Cleveland, Ohio. Cleveland Fancier's Club Co.; F. L. Gruchl, Secretary; 1922 Woodland Ave.
Jan. 30-Feb. 2—St. Albans, Vt., C. O. Barrett, Secretary.
Feb. 5-9, Hudson, Mich. Southern Michigan Poultry Association; Ed. R. West, Secretary; Frank Heck, Judge.

Northwest Fairs.

Sept. 17-22, North Yakima, Wash. State Fair, G. A. Graham, Secretary; Harry H. Collier, Superintendent Poultry.
Sept. 24-29, Spokane, Wash. Inter-State Fair, Robt. H. Cosgrove, Secretary.

It is generally conceded that the deep colored yolk contains a greater amount of vital property than the pale yolk, yet the barnstorming actor never notices the difference when eggs are coming his way.

A WISE HEN.

"Do shut up your noisy head!" The mistress to a pullet said.
"Caderk! Caderk!" the hen replies;
"Pray tell me, madam, do, I beg,
How you would know I'd laid an egg
If I did not advertise?"

Weed's Wanderings

Our first visit is to the yards of A. L. Bonfoey, White Rocks. Pen after pen are here to be seen. Mr. Bonfoey does not cater to the egg trade, but prefers to sell stock, believing that it is more satisfactory to both seller and buyer.

We next take in Bristol, and visit the Home of W. H. Card. We found "Wid" about as fat as ever. He and his good wife were very busy with a large lot of young. Mr. Card's success is due to a great extent to the help of his other nineteen twentieths. Mr. Card tells us that he is going to give a chicken talk at Collinsville the same night, so we make up our mind that we will hear "Wid" spout, and arrive in Collinsville in time for the talk.

That Mr. Card did himself proud, there is no question, and while we did not agree with him in all things, still Mr. Card certainly gave them a good practical talk, and gave the club the benefit of his thirty years experience in a good, straightforward way, that carried conviction with every word. Here we had the pleasure of meeting C. M. Maxfield, whose father, some of us old timers remember as a judge at Winsted and other places. Mr. Maxfield, Jr., reports a nice lot of chicks.

Mr. H. T. Reynolds, Secretary of Farmington Valley Poultry and Pigeon Association, reports his Black Minorcas in fine shape and doing fine.

At Plainfield, we had the pleasure of meeting Mr. E. S. Freeman and his White Cochins and Indian Games, but what interested us most of all was his universal regulator for incubators. We do not hesitate to say that it is in our estimation the best improvement and help in artificial incubation that we have ever come in contact with. I predict a great future for the universal regulator.

Did you ever visit the yards of Geo. W. Mitchell?

If you did you certainly came away with the conviction that you had seen the greatest Partridge Cochin Specialist in America, if not in the world. Mr. Anderson, not to be outdone by his employer, has a fine lot of White Cochins, that prove their quality whenever shown.

From Bristol to Torrington is not so far, and there we renew acquaintances with Lewis Hull and Charles Cook, old time subscribers to The American Fancier, who gladly renew; thence to Fernwood Farm, we find Mr. Putnam, Superintendent of the same, a very busy man. He not only has this large farm with its several departments to superintend, but is also officer in several Associations pertaining to agriculture, horticulture, etc. Mr. Putnam takes us to the new farm of Mr. L. A. Ripley, who was some fifteen hundred White Leghorn chicks being raised under a new Colony brooder system that seems to be doing fine work. I think it will be a pleasure to visit Mr. Ripley's yards later.

Geo W Weed

Shull's Saunterings

Charles E. Dalton is a White Rock breeder at Auburn. He has four pens that show quality of no mean kind. They are good large white birds, with true Rock shape, and a credit to any breeder. Mr. Dalton has shown his birds at Rochester and Auburn, and done his full share of winning.

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Seim & Barsch is an Auburn firm that reported everything on the boom. They breed Black Spanish, Rose Comb and Single Comb White Leghorns, and Black Tailed Japanese Bantams. The firm has been doing business for several years, and have done considerable in the way of exhibiting. They won ten firsts, seven seconds, four thirds, one fourth and one fifth at the last Auburn show.

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Gardner & Dunning, of Auburn, have a great collection of B. P. Rocks. Here are gathered together all of their famous winners of this and previous years. If one was given his choice, he would find it a hard one to select. Their second prize hen at the New York Show has done twenty-one eggs in twenty-three days, and was at business when I saw her.

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Philo B. Adams is another Auburn breeder of White Rocks, and has a very promising flock of this well known variety, and will undoubtedly be heard from at the next Auburn show.

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John H. Scott, at Auburn, showed me as fine a lot of Buff Wyandottes as one could wish to see. Fine in color, shape and size, with good combs, and, in fact, it would be hard work to know where to begin to find fault. Mr. Scott has shown at most of the leading shows, New York included, and has always got his share when it came to a division of the blue ribbons. He keeps a trap-nest record of his birds and can show something good in the way of records.

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A. E. Pierce, an Auburn Buff Orpington breeder, has a fine lot of this grand variety, and will have some good ones for the next show season.

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Arthur Sinspaugh, of Ithaca, N. Y., is a young pigeon fancier who is coming into prominence with his fine line of fancy pigeons. He has been exhibiting at a great many of the best shows and fairs for the last year, and has carried off his share of honors in the very best of company. He breeds Fantails, Runts, Jacobins, Tumblers, Magpies, Dragoons, Homers and Helmits.

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While at Utica I called on an old acquaintance, Dr. C. S. Crandall, 12 Steuben Park, a breeder of Barred Rocks, and most of the varieties of Bantams. The Doctor reported things looking up quite brisk for the spring trade. His birds did a lot of winning for him the last show season, he having shown at Madison Square, Schenectady and Auburn, and gathering in many ribbons of the desired color.

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Hovey & Fairbanks, of Utica, is an-

other firm who are coming to the front in Buff Leghorns and Barred Rocks. They showed a few at New York, and their Buff cockerel won second and color special; their winning at Auburn being first cock, first cockerel, first pullet, and second pen young. Dr. Fairbanks, the junior member of the firm is quite an enthusiastic B. B. Red Game man. He has a pen of fine color and shape that he showed at Madison Square, winning second and third pullet on an entry of three birds.

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At North Clinton avenue, Johnstown, N. Y., while visiting the plant of John C. Rice, I saw some as good Barred Rocks as it has been my privilege of seeing for a long time. Mr. Rice is breeding Bradley Brothers strain direct, having in his pen quite a few birds bought at a long price from these well known breeders. He has exhibited at Boston, Albany, Rochester, Johnstown and Gloversville, where his birds held their own in the best of company. Mr. Rice is a man of the square deal variety, all wool and a yard wide.

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Samuel R. Davenport, of Albany, N. Y., the White Wyandotte specialist, has six magnificent pens mated this spring. Among the birds may be seen over twenty prize winners of the past winter, including birds that won at Madison Square Garden. He is now preparing to raise a large number of his white beauties, and will no doubt be heard from again next year at the shows.

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After getting through with Mr. Davenport, I started for Loudenville to see the McEwan's Farm. I took the auto bus that runs out near the farm. The day was not the finest that ever has been, so I was not delighted to be told that the boss was indisposed, and when I asked for the poultryman to be told that he could not be seen. Then I hiked back a distance of two and a quarter miles to take the electric car for Troy.

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Arriving at Troy, I called on Warren T. Lord. I found him at his desk in the City National Bank, where he told me of his world famous Buff Wyandottes. His best mated pen is headed by the one hundred dollar challenge cup winner at Boston, having six very fine hens in his company, among them being his Chicago and World's Fair winners. In Pen No. 2 are ten solid Buff pullets, headed by first Chicago cockerel.

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While on the way to Auburn I visited several places en route. I went five miles by lumber wagon, over a road, or rather through a road covered with mud about a foot deep, and then didn't catch my man. I also visited Mr. Mills, the Rose Hill seed grower, who was very busy fixing things up for the seeding season.

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At the plant of Mr. A. S. White, at Fayetteville, I saw a finely arranged system, if you please, for breeding and housing fancy poultry, the best one I have looked at for a long time.

Mr. White keeps Buff Orpingtons, Barred Rocks, Buff and Partridge Cochins, and has some nice stock in all varieties.

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Stopping in Syracuse, I called at the hardware store of Johnson & Butler, to see my old friend, Mr. Butler, but, unfortunately, I did not meet him.

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Mr. W. H. Brundenthal, with the Central City Engraving Company, corner of State and Water streets, whose yards are located on West Brighton avenue, Syracuse, has some very nice White Wyandottes and Brown and White Leghorns.

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Through the courtesy of Mr. William T. Liddell, I was enabled to see the new plant of Mr. J. E. Blandy, located on his farm about three miles from Greenwich. They have a new brooder house one hundred feet long, by fourteen feet wide, divided into nine compartments. At present it has a gravel floor only, which, if I was to pass opinion, I would say that it would be much better with a good board or plank floor, with hayseed, fine gravel and earth to cover. However, it is as finely constructed a building for the purpose as one sees in a good long saunter. They have a breeding house forty by eighteen feet, where they keep the great laying strain of Rose Comb Rhode Island Reds, among which one could pick out specimens good enough for the king. There is also another large house on the place, which is given up to a mixed lot of chickens for eggs. These will be replaced by Rhode Island Reds as soon as possible, as I understand W. H. Weller, Mr. Blandy's poultryman. There is a fine large barn on the premises, in which is housed a grand herd of thoroughbred cattle. Near the barn is located the dairy, built according to the latest ideas, and equipped with all modern machinery.

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At Norwich, N. Y., I called at the poultry farm of Mr. S. E. Smith, J. E. Mapes being the manager. Here I saw as fine a collection of Single Comb White Leghorns as has ever been my lot to see. They were of the right size, clear white in plumage, and were certainly a picture to look upon. Mr. Mapes says that there are about nine hundred birds on the farm, and the layers have been very prolific. This farm enjoys a nice fancy trade in eggs and fowls, and recently shipped a large consignment to Sweden, where they arrived in good shape and gave great satisfaction. At Frankfort, N. Y., birds from this farm took first cock and second hen, first and fourth cockerel, first and second pullet, and first pen. The first prize cockerel also won special for best bird in show, special for whitest bird in show, special for best bird in Mediterranean classes and special for best cockerel in show.

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Mr. Newton Adams, of Utica, is an old-time breeder of those old-time favorites, Dark Brahmas. He has quite a few of these grand, good birds, and occasionally exhibits at Madison Square, but he is not doing much in the way of pushing them, as his time is almost wholly taken up by his ever increasing business.

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The first fancier I called upon in Albany was that genial fancier and breeder of Fantail pigeons, Dr. John

Hurdis, of No. 15 North Pearl street. The Doctor has birds all mated for the season, and is expecting great results. Incidentally he hopes to have something good for the next show season, and will surely surprise the boys. Dr. Hurdis is treasurer of the Albany Fanciers' Association and devotes himself to all varieties of Fantails, and he has some crackerjacks in his lofts, and is always pleased to show them to visiting fanciers.

JOSEPH L. SHULL.

New York the Place.

Editor American Fancier:

The matter of the next meeting of the American Poultry Association has been of some interest to me, and I could not but wonder at the inconsistencies of the arguments in favor of a city like Auburn. The main argument being that the Association should be held in a smaller place so that the members might have more time to attend the meeting, this being the principal argument against New York, yet it is conceded that a place like Auburn usually has a show of two thousand specimens or more, but if they have the A. P. A. Meeting, it will enlarge the entry, and this is why the Association has been asked to meet with them.

Now supposing, for instance, they are about to increase their entry fifty per cent, and they certainly ought to do that, it will give them a show of three to four thousand birds. Now then, you have a show that is nearly two thirds as large as New York as far as the poultry paper is concerned, without as good an accommodation to care for the visiting poultry men, without the interest taken in the exhibition that there is at Madison Square Garden, which annually calls out thousands of breeders each year, and which would give an opportunity for this multitude of visiting poultrymen to join the Association, making the Association an attraction by having a handsome booth fixed up with some literature, the new membership certificates and Standard.

It seems to me that it is due to Madison Square Garden to have the A. P. A. meet at that exhibit in the near future, and I hope that the members of the executive committee may see this in the same light.

I have written nothing that I am ashamed to put my name to, but being of minor importance in the Association, will merely subscribe myself as "G."

Give the chicks plenty of air. This don't mean to take them to the mountains or seashore, but it is just as necessary for chicks to have pure air as it is for the breeder.

Chicks should begin to pip on the twentieth day that eggs are in the incubator. If they come out before, the temperature has been too high. If over, the temperature has been too low.

Eggs should be collected off the nests at least twice a day now that broody hens are having their innings. Eggs left in the nest three or four weeks usually become chicks or give a bad flavor to the pastry.

FOWL HITS.

The price of eggs is rising fast. The day of luxury is past. Bacon alone is far from nice. But eggs are such an awful 1 Egg-shell-stir!

Guinea Fowls

(Mid-England in Feathered Life.)

At the commencement of the year every farmer pays some little attention to his poultry, and now, if at any time, he takes into consideration the desirability or otherwise of extending his programme. Many farmers will be turning over in their minds, now at the present time, the subject of keeping geese or turkeys or something besides ordinary poultry; and I should like to be able to put in a word with such farmers on behalf of the Guinea fowl, for it is undoubtedly a profitable bird to keep under suitable circumstances. There is no doubt whatever—and I should be the last to question it—as to the undesirability of doing too much in this way; and particularly is it undesirable to mix up too many kinds of poultry-keeping on the same farm. The old-established method of having turkeys, ducks, geese, Guinea fowls, and a stray pea-fowl or two all mixed up together with the farmyard poultry, and all roosting in the same barn, has been proved a failure. In point of fact, even where turkeys are kept, it is desirable that they should be accommodated right away from the ordinary poultry. The same applies to ducks. We may, however, make some exception to the rule, and if we do make an exception it should be in favour of the Guinea fowl which might well be kept by every farmer who has plenty of land. The only objection to Guinea fowls is to be found in their wandering propensities, about which I shall say something presently. Speaking generally, however, the Guinea fowl does deserve to be more extensively kept than it is at the present time, for although it does not pay as a layer, still it pays very well for market purposes. The eggs are very small, but they are very rich flavoured and high in favour as table delicacies. Moreover, the Guinea fowl only lays in the spring of the year and is unproductive altogether during the latter part of the season; but dead Guinea fowls will always fetch a good price in the market. This, of course, involves rather late hatching and keep during the winter; but the Guinea fowl does not cost as much to keep as an ordinary fowl, for reasons which will now be apparent.

Guinea fowls are very difficult to keep within bounds, as they have a habit of wandering off into the fields, and cannot be taught that it is contrary to good morals to trespass upon the plantations of other people. They live, so to speak, in a half-wild state, and their preference is to roost on the most inaccessible branches of the highest trees they can find. For this reason they are cultivated by some farmers as watch-dogs, being very sharp, and sleeping, as it were, with both eyes open. Any intruder, however stealthily he may come, be it upon two legs or upon four, will be sure of detection, and there will be a

screaming from the heights, which will never fail to be heard by the whole district round; if there be several colonies of Guinea fowls in the neighbourhood the whole place will soon be awake. Now, the Guinea fowl has another interesting habit, and that is, that it makes its nest in places difficult to find, although sometimes it will be obliging and come and lay in the hen-roost. As a rule, however, it is situated in some hedge-bottom; and for this reason Guinea fowls need to be watched and their nesting-places discovered. Any attempt to keep them in confinement, even though it be limited confinement, would probably end in failure, because the Guinea fowl, like the wild pheasant, is insectivorous, and requires plenty of range, in order that it may obtain the insect food which constitutes its principal diet.

The farmer who wants to start keeping Guinea fowl will find it best to get one or two sittings of eggs, and hatch these out under common hens. To try to start by buying full-grown birds is useless, for they are so wild and peculiar in their ways that if they are turned out upon a strange farm they will probably make off altogether. They have often been known to take to the woods and become quite wild; and in this connection it may be mentioned that in some parts, particularly in South Africa, Guinea fowls are said to have been turned down to breed in a wild state like pheasants, although they are not so good as pheasants for sporting purposes, because they run along the ground instead of getting up into the air to be fired at. Being of a quarrelsome nature Guinea fowls could not be cultivated in the wild state in the same coverts with pheasants, for the pugnacity of the Guinea fowl would soon terminate the career of the pheasant. This pugnacity is one of the objections which can be raised to them as tenants of the farmyard, although it is an objection which fails where they are not obliged to mix up with the poultry on a farm where there is plenty of range for both.

With regard to hatching out the eggs, which I recommend the farmer to purchase in order to make a start, it may be said that the period of incubation is about twenty-seven days, and when they are hatched out the little Guinea chicks may be dealt with much in the same way as ordinary chickens, being fed upon the same foods, with this exception—that they require something to take the place of their natural insect food, the best thing to give them for this purpose being an extra supply of granulated lean meat, either fresh or dried. The lean-meat shred which is advertised by several firms is good for that purpose. They will need to be reared, of course, in confinement up to a certain stage and then they may be allowed

to roam out, and they will very soon leave the hen and make tracks of their own. They are not by any means delicate; in fact, they are easier to rear than pheasants by far, and farmers need not be afraid of their delicate appearance, for when they are first hatched they look very fragile indeed. Above all things take care that they are not hatched out too early in the year, because cold, snowy weather does not suit them at all, and the sooner they can be got out into the open the better; and, until they can, the greatest care should be taken to see that they are not overcrowded or kept in dirty coops.

In the wild state Guinea fowls pair off, but in domestication it is usual to keep one male bird and two or three hens. They lay freely during the egg period, and such a breeding pen as this will produce enough eggs to enable the farmer to hatch out quite a large flock of young birds for the market. At the end of the year the entire stock can be disposed of, with the exception of the few which it is intended to keep for breeding purposes during the ensuing season. It is not easy to distinguish the sexes, and a little practice is necessary; but, generally speaking, the male is the larger bird, and he has longer wattles than the female. There is no particular preference for any variety, but on the whole the ordinary speckled Guinea fowl is the bird which can be recommended to be kept. The adult birds may be fed in the morning with meal like ordinary poultry, and they will not require any further attention in the way of food until night when they should be fed liberally with oats.

Ventilation.

Under this head comes one of our hardest problems to solve, and this question means so much for success to all poultrymen. After about 11 years experience with all methods of ventilation, and all of them failed to give the results desired, I have now what seems to be doing the business very nicely for me. That is by tacking about eight ounce duck or heavy muslin on the joist instead of straw. I put the joist just high enough so you can walk completely under it, and have good large air space above, also a window in each end, hung on a swivel, so you can tilt the window to your desire as to condition of weather.

I like this system much better than muslin windows, as they have a tendency to make the building dark and dismal, and does not let the bright sun rays in, which is one of the best tonics we have for cheerfulness and health, for the productive hen must be a cheerful and healthy one. The trouble I find with straw, it is continually littering down, and it furnishes a nesting place for rats and mice and other vermin; also absorbs all the dampness and holds it until its odor becomes very offensive. The duck is always clean to be in under, also much easier to thoroughly disinfect, as the duck readily absorbs the disinfectant throughout, with the straw you merely disinfect the bottom. A good disinfectant can be made of kerosene and oil of tar and carbolic acid.

C. H. YAPLE.

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Extra Firsts—Reasonably clean and of good average size; 85 per cent fresh, reasonably full, strong bodied; 1 doz maximum loss.

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Seconds—Reasonably clean and of fair average size; 50 per cent fresh, reasonably full; 3 doz maximum loss.

All must be in new cases of good quality, smooth and clean, with sweet, dry, substantial fillers with flats or suitable substitutes under bottoms and over tops.

When sold "storage packed" all grades must be in new, 30-dozen, whitewood cases, well seasoned, smooth, clean and substantial; fillers dry, sweet, medium or No. 1 with flats under bottom layers and over tops; packing sweet, dry, excelsior unless otherwise specified. Storage packed extras must not exceed 12, or firsts 18 checked eggs to the case.

Receipts for the week, 169,972 cases.

Nearby, f. g., selected,		
white, fancy.....	19 1/2 @	20
Good to choice.....	18 1/2 @	19
Fancy mixed choice.....	18 1/2 @	19
Extra firsts.....	18 @	..
Western, f. g., extra firsts,		
storage packed.....	.. @	18 1/2
Fresh gathered, extra		
firsts.....	.. @	18
Fresh gathered, firsts....	.. @	17
Fresh gathered, seconds....	.. @	16 1/2
Fresh gathered, thirds....	15 @	15 1/2
Kentucky firsts.....	.. @	17
Seconds.....	.. @	16
Tenn. and other Southern,		
firsts.....	.. @	16
Southern seconds.....	15 @	15 1/2
Thirds.....	13 @	14
Western dirties, No. 1.....	14 3/4 @	15
No. 2.....	.. @	14
Checked eggs.....	.. @	13 1/2
Duck eggs, Baltimore.....	.. @	22
Western.....	18 @	19
Southern.....	15 @	17
Goose eggs.....	.. @	25
DRESSED POULTRY—Receipts for the		
week, 9,387 packages.		

FRESH KILLED—ICED.

Turkeys, average lots.....	15 @	16
Old toms, selected (culs		
out).....	17 @	18
Chickens, broilers—4 lbs		
per pair and under—		
Philadelphia, dry-picked,		
fancy.....	33 @	35
Dry-picked, average run	25 @	30
N P & Pa, dry-picked,		
fancy.....	.. @	30
Dry-picked, average run	20 @	25
Fowls—		
Philadelphia, dry-picked		
fancy.....	.. @	14 1/2
Dry-picked, average run....	.. @	14
Western, dry-picked,		
selected barrels.....	14 @	..
Dry-picked, average run....	.. @	13 1/2
Scalded, selected, bbls....	14 @	..
Scalded, average run.....	.. @	13 1/2
Other Poultry—		
Old cocks, dry-picked....	.. @	10 1/2
Scalded.....	.. @	10 1/2
Ducklings, Long Island....	19 @	20
Eastern and other nearby	18 @	19
Squabs, prime white—		
3 lbs to doz, per doz.....	.. @	3 50
7 lbs to doz, per doz.....	.. @	2 50
6 @ 1 1/2 lbs to doz, per doz.1	75 @	2 00
Mixed, per doz.....	.. @	1 50
Dark, per doz.....	1 25 @	1 50
Culls, per doz.....	50 @	75

FROZEN POULTRY.

Turkeys, hen, No. 1....	.. @	20
Toms, No. 1.....	19 @	19 1/2
No. 2.....	14 @	16
Old toms, No. 1.....	13 @	18 1/2
Capons, Western.....	19 @	20
Broilers, milk-fed, dry-		
picked, 4 lbs and under to		
pair.....	21 @	22
Dry-picked, 4 lbs and		
under to pair, No. 1....	13 @	19
Scalded, 4 lbs and under		
to pair, No. 1.....	16 @	17
Roasting chickens, milk-		
fed, dry-picked, fancy....	16 @	17
Soft meat, fancy.....	15 @	16
Average, No. 1.....	12 @	14
No. 2.....	8 @	10
Fowls, No. 1.....	13 @	13 1/2
No. 2.....	8 @	10
Ducks, No. 1.....	14 @	15
No. 2.....	12 @	13
Geese, No. 1.....	12 @	13
No. 2.....	8 @	10

LIVE POULTRY—Receipts for the week, 42 cars.

Broilers, per pair.....	60 @	70
Per lb.....	30 @	35
Fowls, per lb.....	.. @	13 1/2
Roosters, young.....	.. @	12
Roosters, old, per lb.....	.. @	8 1/2
Turkeys, per lb.....	.. @	12
Ducks, western, average,		
per pair.....	75 @	85
Southern, per pair.....	60 @	70
Geese, western, average,		
per pair.....	1 50 @	1 75
Southern, average, per		
pair.....	1 25 @	1 37
Live pigeons, per pair.....	30 @	35



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Did anybody whisper that the American Poultry Association is to be incorporated? The rape of the Orpington Standard should be a pretty severe lesson, but will the old society ever learn or benefit by it? We know that some of the most loyal members and well-wishers of the A. P. A. have been anxious to see the latter placed on a firm business basis and this means it should be an incorporated body, that can do things to those that do it, when the occasion is at hand. It is to the credit of the American poultry press that it has stood loyally by the old association and did not appropriate any of the descriptions of breeds in the new Standard of Perfection, when it could have been done time and time again. The two exceptions to the rule furnish the best reason for protecting the Standard rights in the future.

What has become of that once famous Poultry Press Club, composed of opulent—more or less—publishers and erudite editors? Did we not hear of reforms that were to be made in conducting the reading and advertising columns of the poultry papers, or was it only a dream? Started at Buffalo several years ago and finally organized at Indianapolis a year or so later, it has been lost sight of. The poultry papers seem to look the same as they did before the big upheaval that was to be, and we are of the opinion that

business will be conducted by individual publishers as such, regardless of any co-operation with their brethren in the same field. Better place the bald organization in cold storage, or preserve in water glass until some wild-eyed reformer is ready to take it out and start another shiver up and down the backs of the advertising agents and grasping reading notice fiends.

Mr. J. H. Scott, Secretary of the Auburn Show, writes us that the dates of the latter have been finally decided upon as follows: January 7, 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12, 1907. Nine judges have been engaged up to date, but several more will be placed on the list and the latter, when completed, will be published in The American Fancier as soon as received.

Prof. William H. Card's Buff Laced Indian Games illustrated on another page of this issue are much better than the photo-engraving indicate. They are really fine bred and well marked birds and have the type.

Infertile eggs are subject of much discussion at this time of the year. We are in the midst of the hatching season and thousands of valuable eggs are being incubated under hens and in machines. Failures to hatch reasonable percentages of chickens from a setting of one hundred or more eggs are perhaps more numerous just now than the large percentages that come with later hatched eggs. The cause of infertility and the number of hens that should be placed with a male bird are two matters that occupy the poultry stage with all the lime-light effects.

Some years ago the late William Cook, originator of the Orpington, and one of the largest poultry raisers in the world, remarked: "In many places last year I knew of cases where there were thirty hens running with one

cock, and throughout the whole season they averaged ten chickens out of every thirteen set. I do not say that every one hatched out a strong chicken, but in most cases it did. I have known twenty hens, in many cases, where only one cock is running, breed as many chickens as thirty hens running with four cocks. In some cases there have been chickens out of every egg. If the cock is allowed to run with two hens it is very seldom many of the eggs are fertile. To test this, a poultry keeper should take two cocks hatched from the same parents, and put one to run with twelve hens and the other with four. Let both pens of birds have their liberty. The eggs should be set at the same time from both pens, and in nine cases out of ten there would be more chickens out of the eggs from the pen where the twelve hens were running than from that where there were only four. I found throughout the country that last year was a very bad one for poultry, and invariably where there were a good many hens running with one cock the results were better than where one cock was running with a few hens."

The above represents the opinion of one English expert. Here is another from "Hally," a well known practical fancier who has had much experience and who evidently does not take stock in Mr. Cook's theory, and places the blame where it usually belongs, viz.: injudicious feeding. He says: "In my opinion the most important condition for the fertilization of eggs has been omitted, viz.: condition of the birds. If the birds are kept in too high condition the greater number of the eggs will be infertile, some of the fertile eggs will have germs so weak as to perish a few days after the commencement of incubation, and, if the chickens be hatched, they will not be worth keeping. If the birds be in too poor condition, most of the eggs will be fertile, but the chicks of weak condition. If the birds be kept in breeding condition, that is neither too high nor too low, nearly all the eggs will be fertile and the chickens strong. Due allowance being made for life, vigor, weather, etc., it does not matter as regards fertilization whether five or twenty birds run with the male bird. To give a case in point. A young fancier had a pen of prize Buff Cochins, cockerel and five hens. He seated one hundred and twenty eggs and got only five chickens. I had cautioned him about overfeeding. I went to see the birds, and remarked: 'You have the birds in too high condition.' He replied: 'They are not fat, I have been very careful in the feeding.' 'All the same they are not in breeding condition or their eggs would be fertile. Cut their grub one-third and in ten days all the eggs will be fertile.' He did so. About a fortnight later I had a dozen eggs for a sitting. I had twelve strong chickens from the eggs; by regulating the quantity of food only, the change was produced. Anyone can prove it. Overfeed a pen of birds to a small extent, and infertile eggs will be the result. Cut the food, and fertile eggs will in from five to ten days be laid."

After reading the two above opinions we can go considerably further into this question in order to get at the true inwardness of this business. It seems that neither Mr. Cook nor Mr. "Hally" have gone to the bottom of this vital and very important question

and no absolute rule can be formulated from either one or the other, although "Hally" comes close enough when he advocates the amount of feeding hens should have to do their best in the fertility speciality. It may act as a general guide in most cases, but circumstances and environments are apt to smash such theories to smithereens. Laying down the law in hen culture is a pretty risky piece of business, as hen nature is not as easily understood as that of other domesticated animals, especially when fowls are kept in confinement.

Let us begin with Mr. Cook's ideas regarding the number of hens that should go with one male. To be frank, there is no infallible rule, not even an ordinary guess, as to what is the proper caper in this vexed problem. Breeds vary in plumage and shape as much as they do in reproductive-ness. We have seen two Leghorn males sufficient to place with one hundred hens and produce maximum results, and we have noticed that fertile eggs can be had from a pen that contains but one male and one female. Some fanciers who are very particular in establishing a line bred strain of exhibition birds producing strains often rely on a single pair of birds to produce the choice winners at the great shows. The vigor of the male in some breeds is the very factor in producing fertile eggs and strong chickens. With Leghorns and allied varieties, there is rarely an excuse for infertile eggs, provided proper conditions as to housing and feeding are observed. This will hold good with the American and Hamburg varieties. Asiatics as a rule require much more care in getting good hatching results and the number of females to one male is frequently of some importance and requires careful observation. But even Asiatics, under the strenuous open air culture, will respond nicely when the breeding season is at hand. Once start them in fine condition with the rugged health an outdoor life has given them, and little or no trouble will be experienced in getting fertile eggs, provided the feeding and housing is based on nature's laws and not on some of the pap that is frequently found in books written by persons who are usually long on fine spun theories and short on actual practical experience. In dealing with this problem it is well to start with the one real and vital little joker in the pack of cards that are played in the game of hen culture, and that is hardness. Breeding, speaking, a chicken is not a hot-house plant; on the contrary, it is, if properly bred an extremely hardy animal. That is why it does better, at least many varieties do, in cold climates, than in warm ones.

That there are notable exceptions in the one hundred and nine varieties of domesticated poultry is obvious. But these exceptions are more noticeable in Bantams than in their larger prototype. And there is a reason for this. In Games Bantams the Black Reds as a rule are pretty sure to produce high results in the hatching line, even under ordinary culture. Not so with the Red Pyle. The latter, if on free range and kept active and not allowed to get too fat will show a very large percentage of fertility, no matter what the number of hens may be that the male is with. Yet we have seen some of the poorest results in hatching Red Pyle

Game Bantam eggs, that we have or come across in any other field.

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About three years ago, a pair of Red Pyle hens, mated with a related stag, having free range in a garden and on a lawn, with a hopper full of feed before them all the time, laid eggs that were invariably fertile. The following year some of the pullets from this mating, with the same vigorous male in the pen, their sire in fact, laid eggs that would not produce a chicken. The pullets were too fat, the long winter and close confinement making them more fit for the table than for breeding pen. Some became egg-bound and had to be assisted in delivering the egg. No amount of after treatment in the way of cutting down feed and allowing free range brought them back to a healthy breeding condition. It was too late. The same year two settings of

Red Pyle Game Bantam eggs, bought from a prominent breeder, failed to produce a single egg. Too much yarding, pampering, feeding, no doubt was the cause. Recently we had occasion to observe on the same place two distinctly different results. Out of a hundred or more Game Bantam eggs nearly all proved infertile when tested or the germs were very weak. These Bantams were well housed, in fact, too well, had plenty of feed and good care. Another lot having small runs and good housing and feeding, produced eggs that went to the hundred mark in fertility. The hens are lively and vigorous. These birds had a training of cold weather culture in New York State and while sheltered from the drafts and cold winds, were kept busy in the day time scratching in buckwheat hulls, and picking up different morsels of assorted grains. While in fine condition, they are active and should produce the goods in the way of strong, healthy chickens.

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Now we come to a breed that is a puzzle to even the most experienced fanciers and breeders of the same, the beautiful and peerless Silver Sebright. How many good breeders of the latter could tell a tale of woe regarding the lack of fertility and vigor of chickens hatched of this variety! Most of the fanciers we have interviewed on the subject attribute this to the male bird. As our readers are well aware, the male is hen feathered and this fact seems to lead to the conclusion that a loss of reproductive qualities is traceable to this female attire. We are not prepared to accept this as correct, but do know that shrewd fanciers select the birds as breeders that approach as nearly as possible the masculine type in head and tail adjuncts in order to get the desired results. We should like to hear F. B. Zimmer on this question, as he has had more experience in breeding Sebrights than any other breeder in America.

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We shall also be pleased to hear from readers of The American Fancier on the above subjects. Actual experience is what we are after, and reports on hatching, fertility, mating and feeding furnish mighty interesting and instructive reading. Brief notes will answer better than lengthy articles, as facts concisely stated make a more lasting impression than a long spun out essay. Later in the season we expect to publish some results obtained at the farm at Red Bank, especially incubators, brooders and fertility of

eggs. Supt. J. Frank Hiller is gathering some interesting data, which will prove of some value to beginners in artificial hatching and rearing. At the present time five different makes of incubators and six different styles and makes of brooders are being tested at The American Fancier's experimental farm. Although the season was rather late when operation began, enough has been left of it to get a line on the workings of the machines during the variable months of March and April. The latter certainly had a fine share of cold storage to work off between some of the sunny days, and the author of "Spring, Gentle Spring" is very much in ill favor at the present time. The lay of the hen has been high but the price of her fruit has been low. There was a big glut in the markets after Easter, even the choicest eggs getting down in the teens.

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W. J. Stanton has removed from 56 Dey Street to new quarters at 246 Greenwich Street, New York City. The genial "Billy" has been a familiar figure at the old stand for many years, and many a chicken session has been held there. Nearly every chicken man, prominent and otherwise, has been at the little emporium, dubbed "The Chicken Rathskeller," at some time, and many made frequent pilgrimages and weekly visits. The building in Dey Street will be remodeled and occupied by a large manufacturing concern, so "Little Willy" had to skiddoo for new quarters. He was a busy man last week fixing up his new emporium, several trusty colored gentlemen of the real Kaffir brand putting on coats of lime wash to make everything sweet and clean for the chickens, pigeons and pet stock. The American Fancier wishes Mr. Stanton continued and increasing prosperity in his new abode, and trusts "the boys" will find the latter equally attractive and will while away some of the leisure hours and indulge in good old fashioned chicken talk.

John H. Sebright

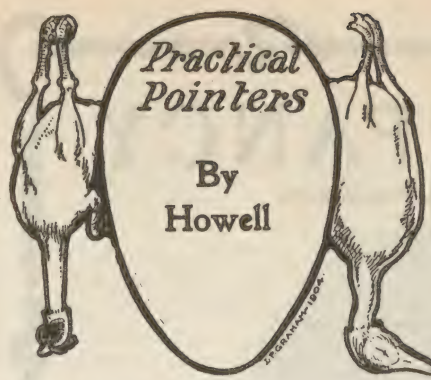
Buff Leghorn Club Catalogue.

This Club has just issued a neat, well printed and illustrated 52-page catalogue, telling all about their favorite breed, and nothing but the good and bad points about the Buff Leghorn can be found in this book. It is worth 25 cents to any person who is just beginning in the poultry business, but will be mailed free to any person addressing Geo. S. Barnes, Sec., Battle Creek, Mich. If you are looking for some good fowl to add to your yards, the study of this catalogue will help you wonderfully. Buff Leghorns hatched in July will lay the following December, if given proper food and attention.

AN INCUBATOR 4,000 YEARS OLD.

It has been proved beyond a doubt that incubators were in successful operation among ancient Egyptians. These original hatching machines were about nine feet high, and were arranged with galleries for holding the eggs, which were heated from a central oven. Some 386 incubators have been discovered in Egypt.

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Feeding oyster shell, or, rather, furnishing shell, may be a habit, on the whole a cheap one. A dollar expended in shell will last an ordinary flock a year. Those who use shell observe the pens laying the heaviest consume the most of it. Also, after a feed of grain, see the several hens walk up to the shell bin and lay in a stock. These people need no argument to convince them that they have a good thing.

Clean nests induce clean eggs, one depends on the other. Straw is the great universal hen bedquilt, but not absolutely necessary. Excelsior makes a very satisfactory substitute. An egg sent to market with a stained shell does not do the seller justice, or rather the seller is doing his reputation an injustice. Frequent gathering will keep many eggs from being soiled by the not immaculate feet of other hens.

A crate of eggs demands a considerable amount of time to be put in first-class shape for market, and it is the time consuming tasks that cannot be left or shirked, that is bound to drive the henman with ideas of large flocks crazy. Take my word for it, the moments required to perform certain parts of his so-called "light and pleasant work" will have to be cut in two or he will find twenty-four hours too short a day.

A henman whose flock of layers runs above a thousand, said to me recently, "I notice my eggs run larger at times than others. I sometimes think I have found the right food combination, only to find the same old thing repeated," which goes to prove that even so small a thing as a hen can bust most any theory.

Come at last! Here is a man who is willing to admit that his incubator does not do as well as the maker claimed, and that he is not able to hatch every fertile egg. A man, too, who is so painstaking and methodical that he counts every one of the thousands of eggs his hens lay, and yet cannot run his incubator so it will hatch above fifty per cent of fertile eggs. Now, if so careful a man is only partly successful, a lot of us fellows who are thankful to get our eggs shovelled into a basket without counting, and are able to raise one chick from every two eggs put in the incubator, ought to feel greatly encouraged with our partial success.

This same party has confessed his system of hatching with hens is not more successful, four hens bringing but twenty-two chicks from the nests, which is way below par. I do not fancy hen rearing myself, but resort to it when compelled to. I have a room about fourteen feet square to devote to setting hens, but hardly ever have more than two in it at a time. The more the merrier sounds nice, but a half dozen setting hens of the discontented order can make things so merry a cat fight is a tame comparison.

I am more inclined to trust things

to a hen who, on a nest of her own choosing, appears to mean business.

If other nests are handy for the layers and some method of covering the nest to discourage laying in with the setting hen is used, the result will be more satisfactory.

About the most pleasant sight I have noticed lately is three Light Brahma hens sitting in a row, two in one pen, one in another. Not one of them has broken an egg and the other hens have bothered them but very little.

Geo E Howell

FRUITS AS FOOD AND MEDICINE.

That fruit has many uses besides pleasing the taste is well known, but the exact properties of each kind are not so well understood by the consumers, and a few suggestions on the subject may not be amiss, says the Christian Work.

Fruit alone will not sustain life for any great length of time, but helps to furnish a variety in the diet.

It stimulates and improves appetite and digestion, relieves thirst and introduces water into the system, acts as a laxative or astringent, stimulates the kidneys and supplies the organic salts necessary to proper nutriment.

If the medicinal uses of fruit were understood and care taken to use the appropriate kinds much less medical treatment would be needed.

Among the laxatives are figs, prunes, dates, nectarines, oranges and mulberries.

The astringents are blackberries, dewberries, raspberries, pomegranates, quinces, pears, wild cherries, cranberries and medlars.

The kinds used for diuretics are grapes, black currants, peaches, prickly pears and whortleberries.

The refrigerants are red and white currants, gooseberries, lemons, limes and apples.

Apples are useful as a stomach sedative and will relieve nausea and even seasickness.

Grapes and raisins are nutritive and demulcent, making them excellent for the sick room.

It is sometimes difficult to keep raisins, figs and dates away from the inquisitive little ants and roaches, but this is easily accomplished by putting them in paper bags that have been well brushed over with strong borax water and dried before the fruit is put in. The little pests do not like the borax and will not gnaw through the sack when thus prepared.

A fig split open makes a good poultice for a boil. It is especially useful for gumboil. A split raisin is also good.

Lemons are very useful in health or sickness. Hot lemonade is one of the best remedies for an incipient cold. It is also excellent in case of biliousness. For malaria the "Roman cure" is prepared by cutting the ring and pulp of a lemon into a pint of water, then boiling until there is only a half pint. One teaspoonful is taken before each meal. This has cured obstinate cases when quinine failed.

Lemon syrup made by baking a lemon 20 minutes and then squeezing the juice upon half a cupful of sugar is excellent for hoarseness and to break up a cold.

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PIGEON FANCY

EDITED BY H. M. POCKMAN



IMPORTED THIRD PALACE—SIRE OF MANY AMERICAN WINNERS

Since The American Fancier decided to add this department, we have been inundated with congratulations on our latest enterprise. It is absolutely impossible for us to either reply or publish the many letters we have received. We must, therefore, ask the many fanciers writing us to accept our heartfelt thanks. We shall endeavor in every possible way to bring about the success that so many wish us, and with your co-operation this can be attained.

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The show reports, with criticisms, will be a prominent feature with this paper. As it is the only weekly published, this will enable us to give the awards promptly.

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William J. Stanton, who for the past sixteen years has been doing business at No. 56 Dey street, has removed to his new quarters, No. 246 Greenwich street, New York City. Friend Stanton can furnish everything in the poultry and pigeon fancy, from squab breeders to exhibition carriers. When we called the other day he was busy shipping a large consignment to Cuba.

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We understand quite a few pigeon fanciers are contemplating sending teams to the English Dairy and Crystal Palace Shows next Autumn. Wouldn't it be a good plan to all club together and procure the services of some experienced man to accompany them? The poultrymen are doing this and will probably send a big entry.

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Mr. Muir's idea of taking the band numbers of all the prize winners is a most excellent plan. It would remedy a mistake which is sometimes made of awarding the prize to the right bird but the wrong pen number. Mr. Muir suggests a plan in the shape of a card system, printed in three columns, the first for pen numbers, second for the awards and third for band numbers. Exhibitors then showing more than one bird in a class would know which bird was awarded a certain premium. This plan would work to a nicety if the judges would fill out such cards. As it is, Secretary E. C. Duffy, of the American Pigeon Club, has his troubles in obtaining the band numbers of the first prize winners from the judges at the different exhibitions.

SEASONABLE HINTS.

Quite a few birds die in the shell each breeding season. This generally can be traced to weakness, the result of indifferent setting or from the want of proper moisture during incubation. At the time of hatching, the eighteenth day, if the eggs are broken a little, it will help save many a youngster. This should be done very carefully.

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A very good idea is to very lightly sprinkle the eggs with warm water

Always use a fountain, unless you have running water in your lofts, as it keeps the water clean and pure. It is very essential to fill the fountains with fresh water every day, or twice a day, if convenient, in summer.

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Have a bathing pan at least four inches deep in your aviary. As soon as all the birds have bathed, empty it so as to prevent them from drinking this water.

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A loft 16x6x6 feet high will easily accommodate twenty-five pairs of birds. Fantails require floor space, not height, as they do very little flying. Therefore, the fancier with limited room at his command can make additional floors in his loft, leaving a passage three feet wide to walk in.

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Sawdust, shavings or sand should always cover the floor. Sand makes a most excellent bottom for the aviary.

JUDGING AT BOSTON.

In these columns, last week, appeared Mr. Glasgow's letter regarding the judging, etc., at the recent Boston Show. The editorial appearing April 7th was incorrect regarding the Challenge Cup winner at the Palace. This bird was, as Mr. Glasgow said, not shown at New York, but was at Boston, together with five others in the young class. This class at the Boston Show was one of the best, if not the best class for quality and quantity we have ever seen. But to our mind it was not handled any too good. We were rather surprised to see the award go where it did. Although it was a

thinking, Fantails which would pass the winner under most judges.

We were indeed sorry to see in the report of the Boston Show Mr. Rutter's entry called lucky to be placed second in this class. This bird and the one before mentioned we considered the two best youngsters in the class.

As to the Challenge Cup winner at the Palace, we quite agree with Mr. Glasgow as to its condition, except the tail was not open in the center, as it has one of the best centers we have ever seen, but never thought for one moment this bird could win in the condition it was shown. But for size and shortness of leg it was away ahead of anything shown. The judge passed what we considered the best in the class, and did not give entire satisfaction, as Mr. Glasgow writes, although he did to some. Judging is a difficult task, especially such quality as was seen at Boston, and to judge one day is certainly enough to tax the nerves of most of us.

The judge probably does own as fine a collection of Blacks as there are in this country, and is a thorough fancier, but made, as we are likely to, mistakes.

H. M. Pockman

SQUAB INDUSTRY.

(By W. P.)

As an industry, squab-raising requires less capital, and less work in proportion to the return than any other business of similar character.

In the first place, experience has taught that the common pigeons of the streets and alleys are not only the healthiest and best breeders, but they also produce the best squabs, young birds that are easily fattened, and that are strong and hardy.

The high-priced and fancy breeds of pigeons, such as Pouters, Fantails, Tumblers, Dragoons, Carriers, etc., do not compare with Homer and Common pigeons for the purpose of squab production, so that at the outset the person who desires entering the business is relieved of the necessity of spending a large sum of money for fancy birds.

As for a place in which to breed pigeons, an extensive structure is not a necessity, the requisites being that the structure should be warm in winter and not too hot in summer, free from dampness, and, if possible, with a Southern exposure; also, that it should be free from rats and mice.

For this purpose, nothing is better than an empty garret, well provided with light, and floor covered with gravel. All cracks should be made tight in order to prevent draughts in winter time. This last condition is much to be desired, if squabs are to be raised in the winter season, which is the time they are rarest, and consequently bring the best prices.

The most interesting and important part of the business is at the time the young are hatched out. Unlike turkeys and chickens, feeding of the young pigeons is attended to by the parent birds, thus saving a great deal of trouble, which in chicken raising must be attended to. It seems that the pigeon has never reached that stage of thorough domestication where the young birds have to be fed artificially, but, like the wild birds of the forest, the pigeon is one of the few domestic fowls that attend to the feeding their young with what the squab



WELL KNOWN PIGEON FANCIERS.

Beginning from the left: George E. Rowland, "Cavy King," and prominent breeder of Fantails and Magpies; William J. Stanton, the popular judge; T. A. Havemeyer, Vice-President Eastern Fantail Club, one of the most successful Fantail breeders in America; H. Clements, known in "Fantail Alley" for the past twenty years; A. Hay, the champion Black exhibitor and breeder, who has bred the winners for the past five years in succession at New York.

during the last week of incubation, especially during a dry season.

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When your birds seem to be out of condition a little lime water will do much toward bracing your stud.

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At this time of the year the birds should be given plenty of outside exercise, whether at liberty or in the aviary. Remember to build your aviary as large as possible and always allow the birds to bathe there.

very fine bird, it was entirely too large to hold the premier position in such company. There are times when a judge has to give first to a certain bird, a trifle too large, owing to lack of quality in the class. This was not the case at Boston. In fact one could have picked five or six very small youngsters just full of quality. Mr. Rutter's second, and Mr. Rowland's medal winner at New York, which was placed at the head of the young cock class over the Boston winner, was, to our way of

raisers call "soft food," or "pigeon milk," until they are old enough to shift for themselves. Thus the troublesome part of the work of chicken raising is absent in pigeon culture.

The young birds begin to eat grain in about a week after they are hatched, and then it is that the squab-raiser should see to it that they are kept well stuffed with grain and never hungry. The parent birds cannot be depended on to look after the welfare of their progeny after the "soft food" period has passed. They have a curious habit of stuffing one and starving the other; fighting the starved one off and feeding its share to the favorite.

Sheep Hints.

Gradually throughout the country special laws are being enacted to protect sheep raisers from worthless dogs. County laws are not sufficient. State laws are necessary, then all commuters would be safe. Sheep are among the most useful as well as valuable farm animals. Farm Journal gives the following seasonable hints:

The sheep should be shorn early, to keep them from suffering from the heat.

They should be gotten on pasture early, so that the grass does not get to coarse and rank before they are turned out.

The sheep should be given hay in the barn in the morning and evening, in order to keep up the food supply and to prevent them from scouring, which is often caused by the quick changes from hay to grass.

Fences should be mended before the sheep are turned out. Then they can't break out on the grain or the meadow land.

Before the lambs are weaned, the sheep should be dipped and washed to rid them of lice and ticks and to clean the wool.

If they are not dipped, the ticks will go to the lambs, and then the lambs must be dipped, or they will run down. Thymo-cresol, or tobacco water, will be an effective dip.

The lamb is put into the dip and his head is kept out. A little dip can be applied to the head, but care must be taken not to get the dip into the eyes, nose or mouth.

The lambs can be castrated and docked when about two weeks old, there is then little loss of blood and the lambs are easily handled.

Loss of blood will be prevented, and flies and vermin kept off, by applying coal tar to the wound.

This time of the year count your sheep a number of times a day. If one is missing, hunt it up. May save you a sheep.

Is there any more distressed-looking creature than a half-starved sheep, with a poor scrawny lamb following her? Don't have any such on your farm.

In the spring, after they have been out in a hard storm, we have found nice sheep lying with their backs down a little hill, not able to get up alone, because of the weight of the wool and water in their fleeces. Watch them carefully nowadays, and, if possible, keep them in out of the hard storms.

When you sort over the apples and potatoes, remember the sheep. They will thank you for any such rarebits.

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FARM NOTES.

A proper rotation of crops means improvement of soil fertility.

Remember good quality never comes from poor seeds.

Small farms well worked pay better than big ones poorly farmed.

There is a good deal of science mixed with to-day's farming.

Whitewash brightens and makes unsightly surroundings look neat and tidy.

Lime scattered around stables and in many other places improves the sanitary conditions.

In planting cabbage put in an extra number of plants so as to have plenty for the fowls during the winter.

Don't let the cattle out on pastures until there is a good grass growth established. Their hoofs early in the season do considerable damage by tramping the tender grass shoots.

Try sowing four quarts of pulverized nitrate of soda on the lawn this spring and see how it will make the grass grow.

Hurried preparation or work always means carelessness.

It is a well-paying investment in all branches of agriculture to do everything thoroughly.

Each year's farm results should show improvement. If such is not the case there is danger of rut existence.

Plenty of live stock on the farm is a constant source to help maintain soil fertility. The very best farms are those where there are plenty of live stock.

Some farmers believe the best way to sell farm products is to let them leave the farm on four feet.

Don't try to be a dairy farmer until you can make first-class butter and know how to feed the cows for profitable results; good butter always commands paying prices, and poor butter is always a rank price killer.

Co-operation in fruit growing in some sections has become an established success. Hamonton, N. J., Cobden, Ill., Pocomoke City, Md., and other places, are good examples of what may be accomplished on these lines.

Commercial raspberry growing is again coming to the front. Some years ago in western New York raspberries were grown by the acre for drying. The industry is becoming prominent in the vicinity of Hamonton, N. J.

A few hives of bees should be kept on every farm; they are little trouble, are useful in fertilizing many plants, and the honey is good to have when buckwheat cakes are ripe.

Mr. Hale, the peach king, of Georgia and Connecticut, reports the outlook for a big crop of peaches in his extensive Georgia orchards is very very promising.

Arbor day in all the States should be religiously observed on every farm and at every school. Forests are rapidly being destroyed, orchards are dying from San Jose scale and neglect. Plant fruit trees and ornamental trees. More attention should be given to the planting of nut trees.

It is alleged by those who should know that ninety-five per cent of the fertilizing matter of the food consumed by sheep is returned to the soil. If this is so, and we have no reason to doubt it, it pays to feed farm products to sheep. G. O. BROWN.

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MOLES IN THE GARDEN.

Many gardens are so infested with moles, says a Maryland writer in the Practical Farmer, as to make it impossible to have a good stand of peas and other vegetables that are grown in straight drills, as the moles make their burrows up and down the rows in search of insects and destroy the young plants as soon as they are out of the ground. Being much annoyed by these troublesome pests and failing to exterminate them by traps, I almost gave up in despair of ever getting a good stand of peas until I tried the following plan, which has proved entirely successful, and for the first time for a number of years I now have a perfect stand of peas without a break in any of the rows, though the garden is still infested with moles. It is simply this: Instead of waiting, as is the custom, until peas are several inches high before sticking them, I now do it at the time of planting. After laying off the rows and sowing the seed I insert the sticks or brush along the rows about 4 or 5 inches apart and 6 inches in the ground, and then cover the seed. The points of the sticks are not placed in a straight line along the row, but in zigzag order. This entirely stops the moles from making their tracks along the drills; they may sometimes cross at right angles, but do but comparatively little harm. For beans or other vegetables in drills that do not require support, sticks 6 inches long inserted along the rows in the same manner as described above answer the same purpose.

Topdressing Pastures.

Not all farmers understand the benefit of top-dressing pastures with manure, says the New York Farmer. In many seasons it will double the yield. If not broken up, it will also increase the yield the following year. Benefits are two-fold. Plants are fed with readily available plant-food, and they are protected by the mulch-like covering the manure affords.

Top-dressing increases the root development of the grasses. This means that, when the pasture is broken, there is much more vegetable matter in the ground than there would otherwise be. This is just the kind of food that crops which follow need.

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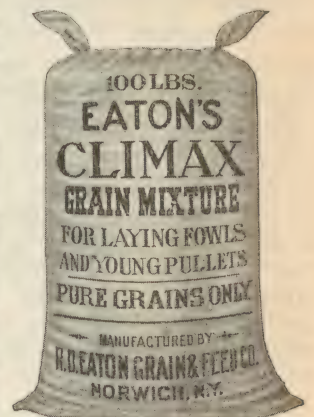
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The second annual meeting of the International Rose Comb Black Minorca Club was held at the Boston Poultry Show, January 18th, 1906, at 2:30 p. m. The following officers were elected:

President, R. E. Curtis, Rutland, Vt.; Vice-President, S. A. Rowland, Granville, N. Y.; Secretary-Treasurer, Geo. H. Northup, Raceville, N.Y.; Directors, Lewis H. Green, Picton, N. J.; Clarence J. Denton, Round Lake, N. Y.; James W. Cobb, Birmingham, Mich.; C. E. Coggeshall, Miles City, Mont.

The International Rose Comb Black Minorca Club was organized at the Boston Show, January, 1905, and has made greater progress than any other organization of its kind in the same length of time. The club now has in its membership the leading Rose Comb Black Minorca breeders in America and it is our object to interest all breeders of this variety in united action whereby we can bring out to the shows the best exhibits of Rose Comb Black Minorcas and thus acquaint the public with their sterling qualities. We hope also to work together to establish the best methods of breeding to improve our flocks and to assist those who have good birds to receive higher prices for surplus eggs and stock. The club will publish and distribute literature which will benefit members in many ways, and will offer many specials in various shows, so that they will be available for the greatest number possible of the club's members.

While yet less than one year old, the club has provided special ribbons and offered them to nearly one hundred show associations to be competed for in eighteen different States and in Canada, as follows: Massachusetts, Indiana, New Jersey, New Hampshire, New York, Wisconsin, Connecticut, Michigan, Vermont, Illinois, North Carolina, Kentucky, Montana, Pennsylvania, Ohio, California, Washington, Missouri, also District of Columbia and the provinces of Ontario and Nova Scotia, Canada. We hope that most of these States will have enough members a year from now to entitle them to have a silver cup from the club, for State competition by club members, and that all other States will be represented by sufficient members to entitle them to ribbons.

The financial report which was read and approved at the annual meeting showed a balance of \$10.99, after paying for the ribbons mentioned, \$29.00 in cash, special printing, and all other expenses for the year. Geo. H. Northup, Secretary of the club, gave personally a beautiful silver fruit bowl to be awarded to the club member winning greatest number of points on Rose Comb Black Minorcas, donor not to compete. The Boston Show Association gave a cash special of \$15.00. The club invites all breeders of genuine Rose Comb Black Minorcas to join its ranks and share its benefits. For full particulars, address Geo. H. Northup, Secretary, Raceville, N. Y.

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FARM NOTES.

Get all the farm implements in good condition before they are needed. This can be done in bad weather when outside work cannot be attended to.

To make a good lawn proper selection of grasses is needed. The following is an excellent combination: Kentucky blue grass, red top and perennial rye grass, of each five pounds; timothy three pounds, and of sweet vernal grass and white clover two pounds

each. This quantity will do for half an acre.

The greater the variety of good grasses in the pasture the better for the thrift of the stock that feed there. An especial advantage is that mixed grasses give a longer season of good pasturage. An early variety shades the tender blades of the later one, and it in turn shades the exposed roots of one that has passed the more vigorous period of its growth.

When an apple orchard is being planted different varieties ought to be mixed together in adjacent rows to insure cross-fertilization of the blossoms by bees. The Vermont Experiment Station has given results of experiments which go to show that a majority of varieties of apples do not bear good crops unless mixed in this way. Northern Spy, for example, seldom or never gives a full crop when its blossoms are not pollinated from trees of some other variety.

A writer in New York Tribune says: There are great mistakes made in setting apple orchards as to varieties, as some sorts can be grown and fruit well much closer together than others; as, for instance, the Northern Spy and Ben Davis, and even Baldwins do not require the room that the Greenings do; and, too, some sorts come into bearing when young and small, like the Ben Davis and Russets, and can be set even a rod apart. When they begin to grow together cut out every other row, and two or three years later every other tree in the remaining rows. Where peaches will succeed we prefer to set apple trees 40 feet apart and peach trees half-way between each way. And, by the way, we have good crops of peaches in our apple orchards when trees outside yield none.

There are not many farmers who would be willing to spread 40 or 50 loads of stable manure over the apple orchard; yet if they would do so they would find out that apple are profitable, as the manure would increase the yield, improve the quality and make them more salable in the market, says P. H. Jacobs. If the manure is not obtainable, a fertilizer consisting of 400 pounds of bone meal, 300 pounds sulphate of potash and 100 pounds of nitrate or soda will not be too large an application for one acre.

The farmer of the future will be a different man to the farmer of the past, laboring less arduously, farming more intelligently, surrounded with reasonable prosperity, and exercising his political privileges honestly and conscientiously; his labor will be honorable, dignified and productive, and agriculture and farmers will occupy the rank to which they are eminently entitled—Abner L. Frazer, in Cosmopolitan.

Nothing is so good, says an exchange, as well-rotted barnyard manure for the garden, and nothing is better than the manure pit to get manure into shape for garden use—finely rotted and free from weed seeds. We do not, as a rule, pay nearly enough attention to the garden. It should be one of the important features of the farm, and considerable attention given to it will be well repaid. It will easily supply the table bountifully for six months of the year and go a long way toward a supply for the other six months. Some of the practices of the old-fashioned gentlemen farmers of Northern New York

State could be well copied if I can believe what my father tells me. They kept their tables supplied with a great variety of fresh vegetables during the season and stored away large quantities of roots and tubers for the winter. Housewives dried quantities of lima beans, picked and shelled green, not allowed to ripen and toughen in the pod, and large bags of dried sweet corn, which they boil and get from the cob exactly as though for immediate consumption. Okra, too, can be dried and kept indefinitely and will be practically good for soups as fresh vegetables. But they had rich ground and the garden received every year a splendid dressing of well-rotted manure, and so produced large yields.

WILD-CHERRY TREES.

Wild cherry trees are dangerous nuisances on farms. They are the favorite nesting and breeding places of destructive tent-caterpillars. Every farmer should cut every wild cherry tree on his property. In one day's tour recently the writer of this paragraph counted on one hilly farm 150 wild cherry trees, big and small, every one of which bore from one to thirty tent-caterpillar nests. The trees averaged ten nests apiece, and the total was 1,500 nests. From these nests the caterpillars spread in great numbers, and that one farm is capable of infesting the country for miles around in a single season. Last year the pests entirely destroyed every apple tree on that farm, and this year they will sweep from the farm everything on it that falls within their bill of fare. An infested farm is a plague-spot in a farming region, and if the owner of such a farm refuses to do anything to check the pests his neighbors, in self-defense, should take his case in hand and move against the dangerous and destructive pests.—New York Farmer.



Profit in Capons.

The wise farmer, looking to profit, sees more weight in the steer than the bull. Poultrymen are finding that it pays well to raise capons instead of cockerels. What to do with the cockerel has been a problem, as they are hard to fatten. On the market the capon always finds a quicker sale, and at nearly double prices than ordinary chickens. A very instructive book on raising capons has just been published by George P. Pilling & Son, of Philadelphia, Pa. It shows how farmers and poultrymen can easily make a big increase in the revenue of the poultry yard by caponizing. There are instructive chapters on feeding and dressing capons. Readers of The American Fancier can obtain a copy of this interesting book by sending to George P. Pilling & Son, of Philadelphia, enclosing a stamp for postage. A full set of capon tools are sold by the above firm for \$2.50. They will send you a set with full directions including book, on receipt of price.

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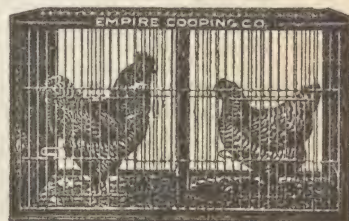
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Believing that a short notice of the doings of the Boston Suburban Poultry Club may be of a little interest to your readers, I take the liberty of sending a short account, giving the meetings to date.

The club is composed of the breeders and poultry men in the immediate vicinity of Boston, in fact, some take the trouble of a thirty or thirty-five mile ride to attend these meetings. They are held in Tremont Temple Building. The first was held three months ago, at which time E. H. George, of Haverhill, gave a very interesting talk on the breeding, mating, and fitting of White Plymouth Rocks. This was vitally interesting to a good proportion of the members as a number of the White Plymouth Rock breeders are represented in the club.

The next meeting was held a month ago, and Arthur C. Smith, of Waltham, Past Master in the art of mating and breeding of Barred Plymouth Rocks and Brown Leghorns, gave an especially instructive and entertaining address, illustrating the same with specimens typical of the breeds and with typical birds of the double mating system. This was followed by a short reminiscence talk by H. P. May, of Natick.

The last meeting, held Tuesday, April 17th, was especially instructive, being on incubation, by Dr. Cooper Curtice, of the Kingston Agricultural Station. This was illustrated by a large number of charts, results of his experience and study. This could not but be very helpful to those just taking up Agricultural Incubation as well as to those who have been hatching chicks in this way for years. Had I the room to speak, but there are two thoughts that I will speak of, and which seemed to impress themselves on me. One was that after years of study, he has decided that it is unnecessary to turn the eggs over; they are put into the

would help in most cases those starts which are made by enthusiastic but poorly informed poultry men, and aid putting the whole industry on a firmer basis.

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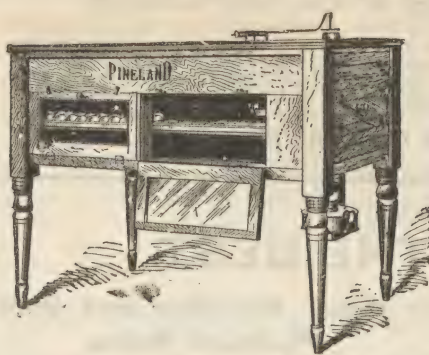
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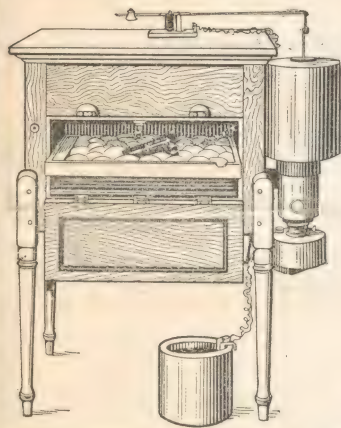
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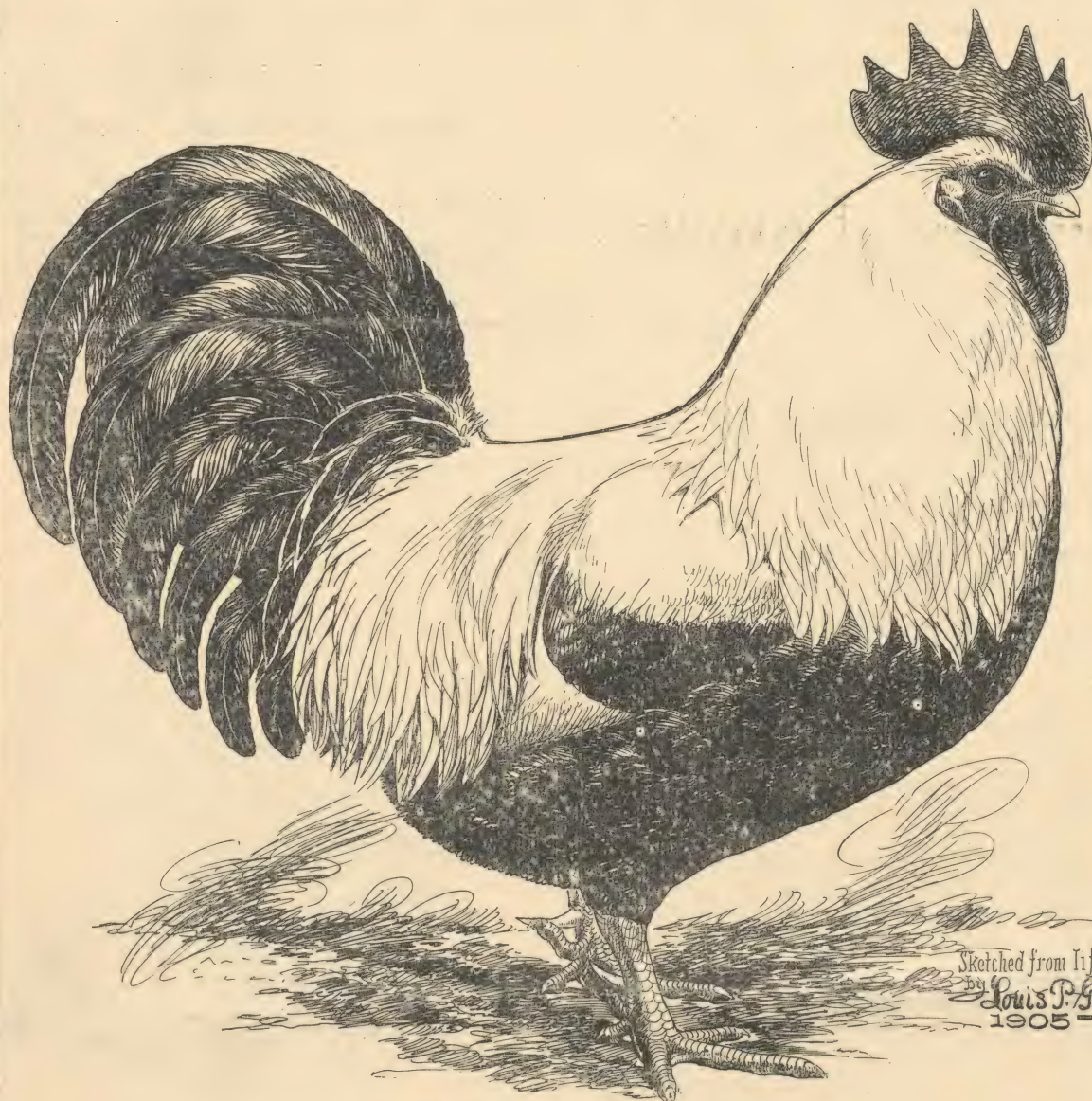
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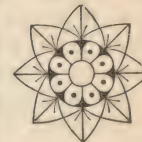
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BY HENRY R. INGALLS



The following address was delivered at a Farmer's Institute, held at Nortonhill, N. Y., by Henry R. Ingalls, the well known Buff Wyandotte fancier and breeder:

I have for my subject that department of the farm that is but little thought of or looked after in an up-to-date and intelligent manner—the poultry department. I guess there is not a farm in this vicinity but what supports a flock of fowls, but on very few farms does the poultry help to support the farm. Poultry keeping seems too small and insignificant a thing for the average farmer to devote time and attention to. This does not prove that it is; but, just the same, many otherwise progressive farmers look at it in that light.

Most farmers will devote hours of time and care to the saving of a little lamb or pig, that they will keep for six months and sell for three dollars, but they have no time to fool away with a brood of a dozen chickens that in three months would bring them six dollars. The average farmer is a man of large things, cows, horses, sheep and hogs are raised and kept in as large numbers as the farm will support, but the busy little hen is wholly overlooked as a medium of production and profit because she is small.

Now, when it comes to making the wealth of this great country of ours, that same insignificant, little hen has all the rest of the great mediums of wealth knocked silly. We may be obliged to make an exception in favor of Standard Oil stock, but we are talking about farm crops. Probably not everybody knows that the eggs and poultry produced in this country exceed in value any other farm crop. Even the gold and silver mines have to take a back seat when they go up against the little old hen, but it is a fact that the few eggs and the few chickens produced on these farms and small places exceed in value every year the value of any one other product of the farm.

One hen is a small thing, but when we come to foot up what all these millions of hens are doing and are worth, we get a total that is simply astonishing, and this on a very small average product per hen. If through better knowledge of the hens needs and consequent better care we increase the production twenty-five per cent, or fifteen per cent, or even ten per cent per hen, we would be adding thousands upon thousands of dollars to the wealth of the farmers. The hen does a great deal, but she can be made to do very much better, and it is my purpose to point out some things that will help to accomplish it.

While no man can make a hen lay,

almost any man can make conditions favorable for egg production, if he only gives the matter some thought and attention. We all know it is no very hard job to get hens to lay in the spring of the year. They do so because they have to, for nature has provided the hen with organs of reproduction and the spring is the natural breeding season, so the hen shells out the eggs at that time.

Hens do not lay because they want to, or, at least, I do not think they do, but because they have to, and the only way we can get eggs in the fall and early winter is to get the birds in the right physical condition, or, in other words, in breeding condition, and nature will do the rest. A hen is born with the germs of all the eggs in her that she will ever lay, and it all depends upon how she is fed and kept, how long she will be laying what eggs nature has provided her to lay. It is estimated that a hen can lay about six hundred eggs, and, if this is the case, and she lays twenty-five a year it would take her twenty-four years to lay them all; but, if she can be induced to lay two hundred a year, three years would suffice to exhaust the supply. Very few hens lay two hundred eggs in a year, but a vastly greater number lay nearer the twenty-five mark than to the two hundred mark. It seems strange that if all hens are provided by nature to lay about the same number of eggs why it is that some hens are so much better layers than others. It must be that it is a matter of temperament. Hens differ in temperament the same as human beings, and the hen that is of a happy temperament and can be easily suited, and that is content with life as she finds it is the one that lays the eggs out of season and in season. This may be a strange theory to apply to hens, but it is the only way I can account for the great difference in hens as regards their ability to lay. I had an illustration of this in my own yard this winter. I have one pen of eight hens all of one variety, all fed the same, and only one of these hens has laid. She began to lay November 4, and laid eighteen eggs in that month and twenty-two in December. Why is it that this hen should lay and the others not? When we discover this secret we will know what to do in order to make hens lay in winter.

If my theory in regards winter egg production is correct, and I think it is, it is more a question of proper housing and favorable surroundings than it is a question of feed, although most poultrymen think that feed is the all important part. Probably we all have seen cases where one man would get lots of winter eggs and feed nothing

but corn, while some other man gave his hens a better ration and more variety and yet he got no eggs. I do not think the feed had much to do with it. It was the difference in the conditions under which the hens were kept that made the difference in egg yield. As proper conditions play a more important part in winter egg production than does the feeding, any hints that I may be able to give in regards to anything that goes to improve conditions should be of service to those who have never given the matter any particular attention.

Fowls should be housed in warm and dry quarters, for dampness is sure to cause trouble in more ways than one. A poultry house need not be an expensive affair, but for best results it should be as warm as possible or at least free from drafts. I have a nice poultry house but it is not built warmly enough. It is one thickness of matched boards and is lined with tarred felt and I know it will never be a good house until it is ceiled on the inside. I believe the house should be lathed and plastered, as this makes a wall that is solid and free from cracks in which lice can harbor. Most people when they ceil up a hen house use cheap lumber and a wall so made is liable to be full of cracks and this lets the lice get in between the walls of the house, and that about stops poultry keeping as far as that house is concerned.

Any farmer can have a good poultry house, and if he is going to keep fowls at all, why not make conditions as favorable as possible? It can be done at little additional cost. The farm poultry house should be built on one side of the barnyard, if possible, so the hens can have the run of it at all times, as there is no better place for fowls than a barnyard. The hens should have an open shed, and such a shed is found in connection with almost every barn; but, if they cannot have access to the barn shed, one should be built as a part of the poultry house. The house proper, or roosting room, should be tightly and snugly built, but the fowls should not be confined to it all of the time, but should be allowed to run in the open shed or the barnyard whenever the weather will allow. If fowls are kept active, cold air does not hurt them, and on very cold days they will prefer running out in a shed and seeking direct sunshine to staying in the house, even though the house is warm. This arrangement allows the fowls some liberty and a chance to do what they please, and this makes them more contented and happy, and that means more eggs, according to my theory. No matter how well you house and

feed a hen she will not lay much unless she is happy and contented.

If one has a tight and warm poultry house it requires some attention to keep it in proper condition. Such a house will get damp on the inside in very cold weather if care is not used to keep it well aired. It should be opened every day for an hour or two to let in a large volume of fresh air, and if this is done the house will not get damp. Another very important point is to keep such a house clean and in a sanitary condition. The droppings should be removed at least twice a week, and every day would be better.

If a farmer did not clean his horse and cow stables every day he would be called lazy and shiftless, and all that sort of thing, but the best and most careful farmers generally clean their hen houses once a year. Just imagine how a hen must enjoy roosting over a pile of filth of a year's accumulation, and also think what the effect must be on the health of the hen. Is it any wonder that hens do not lay any better?

The roosts should all be on a level and be placed about a foot above a smooth platform upon which the droppings fall, and the platform should be cleaned often, and the droppings composted with something that will keep them from heating. Hen manure is our best fertilizer and should be saved. The floor of the hen house should be covered at least six inches deep with fine straw or chaff and all whole grain should be mixed with this litter and the hens made to scratch for all they get. This gives them exercise, promotes digestion, makes the hens contented, and helps the egg yield. This method of making the hens take exercise is one of the most important points in keeping the flock in good health and condition during the confining days of winter. I make my hens dig for all the hard grain they get, and I have never had any feather pulling or egg eating among my birds.

A hen needs exercise as much as any animal, and they cannot be kept in good health unless they do exercise, especially if they are well fed. Heavy feeding of an entire grain ration and lack of exercise is the cause of much of the trouble with poultry. Few people who keep fowls stop to think that a hen needs green, bulky food, the same as a cow or a sheep, but this is the case. If the hens have access to the barn floor or any place where hay is fed or handled they will be able to get about all the bulky food they need, or at least enough to keep them in fair condition. They pick up and eat bits of hay, especially clover heads and leaves. Cut clover, or clover meal can be purchased specially prepared for

poultry feeding, and if the hens cannot get where they can pick up what they want in this line it should be given them.

Two dollars worth of clover will save five dollars worth of grain, and at the same time keep the hens in better health. We use shredded clover; this is second growth clover hay that has been shredded up fine and then cut into quarter inch lengths. This clover forms about one-half of the bulk of the mash feed. We put the clover in a pail or tub, pour boiling water on it and let it stand a while to soak and soften. We have a mixing box in which we put what ground feed we use and then we pour the clover and water on the feed and mix it up so as to form a crumbly mash. Clover is a balanced ration in itself and is rich in protein and lime. Hens that have plenty of clover will not lay soft shelled eggs, neither are they liable to get disease of the liver so common to hens that are fed on grain exclusively.

Some of my neighbors have trouble with their hens in the winter by the birds getting stiff and lame and some will lay flat on their bodies with their legs sticking straight out behind and they get so they cannot get on the roosts and all that sort of thing. Now all that is the matter with them is they are fed on nothing but grain, and they are all diseased, and the only way to prevent all this is to see that they have plenty of bulky vegetable food. Cabbage, turnips, beets, and even apples, are good, but prepared clover fed in the mash is the best of all. Animal food should not be overlooked as it is necessary for best results. Animal meal and beef scrap can be purchased of our local dealers and either is good and a little put in the mash every day will benefit the fowls and increase the egg yield. Grit is as essential as food and I find there are lots of people who do not supply grit to their fowls in winter. To such we will say, they might just as well get rid of their fowls as to try to keep them if they are too careless to provide good hard, sharp grit for the birds. Oyster shells are not grit by any means and should be supplied independent of grit. Grit can be purchased for seventy-five cents a hundred pounds and that amount will supply the average farm flock for the winter.

As to what should be fed to the fowls, we will not say very much, as it is more the way they are cared for and housed than what they are fed that keeps them healthy and productive. For whole grain, corn, oats and buckwheat are most common and will be the most used. Oats are the best and should form at least one-half of the whole grain ration. For mash, wheat bran, wheat middlings, ground oats, animal meal and clover should be used. If most of the whole grain is corn do not use any corn meal in the mash.

Most farmers have a flock composed of hens of various ages, early and late hatched pullets are running together. Now, this is no way to do as the old hens and the pullets should be kept separate, for they require different treatment. In such a mixed flock the old hens are likely to get fed too much and the pullets are likely to go half starved, and neither will do as well as if kept separate, and cared for and fed according to the needs of each. Pullets will require and stand liberal feeding while it is a very easy matter

to overfeed the older fowls. Hens two years old should be either sold or eaten and their places filled with early hatched pullets. Generally it is the pullets that do the laying through the winter and they should be coaxed and cared for so as to get them started to laying as early as possible.

The trouble with the average farmer and his poultry is that he does not think he has any time to fool away with the chickens, but in this he is wrong, for he can afford to give the chickens a certain amount of his time each day the same as he does his cows and other stock. He would get better returns for the time spent with poultry than with any other stock. Fresh eggs are always in great demand and bring fancy prices. Of course the farmer with his comparatively few hens cannot get these fancy prices for he cannot produce the goods in sufficient quantities. There is a fine chance for co-operation among farmers along this line. Suppose that ten of the most enterprising farmers in this vicinity should get together and form a co-operative association for the production of fancy eggs. We will say that each one would keep one hundred White Leghorn hens, that would make a thousand, and with this number of hens these farmers could supply quite a large fancy trade and they could get prices that would certainly make a flock of one hundred well-bred, well-cared for hens pay their cost, pay the taxes on the farm and furnish all the groceries used by the family. I will wager that if ten farmers started in along this line with one hundred hens it would not be more than a couple of years before they would be willing to increase the number to two or three hundred each. Feed could be bought on the co-operative plan and the cost of keeping the birds reduced to a much lower figure than where each man buys in small quantities at retail. The trouble with the farmer is that he lets the middlemen eat him up.

Over in Denmark the farmers on their little farms would seem to our big American farmer to be unworthy of any notice, but these same little farmers over there have hundreds of these little co-operative societies. In fact they market nearly all of their produce and buy nearly all of their supplies in this manner. They make a specialty of dairying and poultry keeping, and they market their eggs in England at a good profit, and the English themselves are a nation of poultry keepers. Why farmers in this country do not take co-operation is a great mystery. There is certainly a fine chance for farmers right here in this vicinity to take hold of the poultry and egg business on the co-operative plan as above outlined and make a great success of it and add very much to their incomes at a very little outlay of cash.

Establish a well-kept poultry department on your farm and see that it has the time and care devoted to it that it deserves and it will surely be found to be profitable. Enough chickens should be raised every season to keep up the number of hens that should be kept. If we keep one hundred hens we should require at least fifty pullets every season, this would give us fifty pullets and fifty yearling hens. This makes a very good kind of flock if the hens and pullets are kept separate as they should be.

Probably the most difficult part of the business is in hatching and raising

the chickens. Sometimes the hens do not want to set until it is too late to get out the chicks as early as we want them. Late chickens are no good, I have learned this by bitter experience. They eat and give nothing in return. They are more liable to disease than the more vigorous, early-hatched ones. If we depend on the hens to hatch the chickens we will have to wait until the hens get ready to set, no matter what time it is. If quite a number of chickens are wanted an incubator and some brooders would be a good investment although hatching and rearing chickens by artificial means is more or less difficult and by no means certain of good results. As but few farmers have incubators and brooders it is not necessary to spend time in giving any directions for their use.

We find the worst drawback to the successful raising of chickens on the farm is lice. Lice kill about seventy-five per cent of all the chickens that are lost. Lice are the worst enemies of the poultryman, especially if he does not know about how many kinds of lice there are and their habits. It is only by continually fighting them that we can raise a good per cent of good, healthy, vigorous chickens. No hen should be set unless she is well dusted at least four times with some good lice powder and the little chicks need attention or they will soon be covered with lice. The big gray head louse is the worst, they will kill the chickens if they are not kept off.

While the hens are running with the chicks they should be well dusted with lice powder once a week and the chicks should also be dusted as often. The coops should be kept clean, for filth and lice go together. Keep the coops clean and use some liquid lice killer and lime in them. Lime is a great cleanser and disinfectant and should be freely used around the chicken coops. If the chicks are not lousy they will grow and thrive very well under almost any kind of feeding but it is best not to give sloppy food to little chicks and not give them more than they will eat up clean in a few minutes. If the chicks have free range, cracked corn is as good a food as the farmer can use. See to it that the corn is not sour and musty. Spoiled corn will kill the small chicks.

Farmers should provide larger and better coops than they do. It does not cost much to make roomy and watertight coops and they are much better than the makeshifts usually used. If little chickens are kept dry and free from lice they are not liable to have disease unless they get the gapes. On many farms gapes kill off the chickens about as fast as they are hatched, but it is not necessary to be troubled with gapes. Put your chickens on ground that has never been used by the fowls, keep the chicks dry and clean, use lime around the coops and do not feed sour, or wet, sloppy food, and your chicks will never have the gapes.

Poor management and lack of proper attention cause most of the trouble in the poultry yard. Any farmer can have a profitable flock of poultry if he only gives the matter some thought and the same care that he gives the rest of the stock he keeps. Most farmers take more or less pride in keeping their stock in good shape and any farmer who does not take a little pride in his stock and his business in general, is past redemption, and it is

no use to try to help him for he will not help himself.

The farm is the ideal place for poultry keeping and any farmer who does not make some effort to keep up a good productive flock of fowls, if for nothing else but to keep his table supplied with eggs and meat, is sadly in need of something to stir and enliven his ambition. Poultry is profitable if properly used, and thousands of people know it and make use of it accordingly, but it is with poultry as it is with everything else, one cannot get something for nothing, and that is what too many of our farmers are trying to do. Give the hen a chance and she will certainly help to pay your taxes, at least.

We know that to get a profitable egg yield at the season when egg prices are highest in price we should have early hatched pullets and yearling hens that have moulted out early and should house them properly, give them a chance to exercise, in fact, make them exercise, give them as much liberty as possible, see that they have a variety of food, different kinds of grain, cut clover, cabbage, beets, etc., animal meal and grit. Clean houses, that are dry and free from vermin, are also a necessity, as well as good food.

There is one point that we have not yet touched upon, and that is a uniform flock, and the only way that we can get that is to use nothing but pure bred stock. It is not necessary for every farmer to be a fancier, but the chances are if he gets a fine flock of pure bred birds he will sooner or later begin to take pride in seeing how good birds he can breed. George O. Brown, in *The American Fancier*, says that when your neighbors begin to call you a chicken crank, you should go around back of the barn and hug yourself, for you are getting to be a success as a poultryman. Just so with any farmer, when he begins to take pride in and talk about his nice birds, he is surely on the road to success for he is beginning to look into the whys and wherefores of the poultry business.

The fancy poultry business is getting to be a large item, as it supports many poultry papers and hundreds of shows throughout the country, and the prices that are paid for the finest birds are simply beyond belief. One thousand dollars was refused for a single bird at the Herald Square Show, in New York City, and one hundred dollars is getting to be a very common figure for a fine bird. Of course all this is beyond the farmer, but any farmer can and should have a pure bred flock for the sake of having a flock all as near alike as possible. Little hens, hens, and medium sized hens do not work well when they are all kept together for the reason that the small active birds and the large sluggish birds need different food and different care in general.

The cost of starting a flock of pure bred fowls will be but little and in more ways than one will the returns be better. As an illustration of what any farmer can do with pure bred fowls, I will say that if any careful farmer will come to my place I will give him all the eggs, from fancy birds, that he wants and when the chickens are large enough so I can tell how good birds they will make, I will give him one dollar each for what I want; I would not give ten cents for one of his common hens. No matter what breed of fowls a man may have, if they are good, pure bred stock some.

will be looking for just such birds and will be willing to give a good price for them. Nobody wants the scrubs usually found in the farmer's yard.

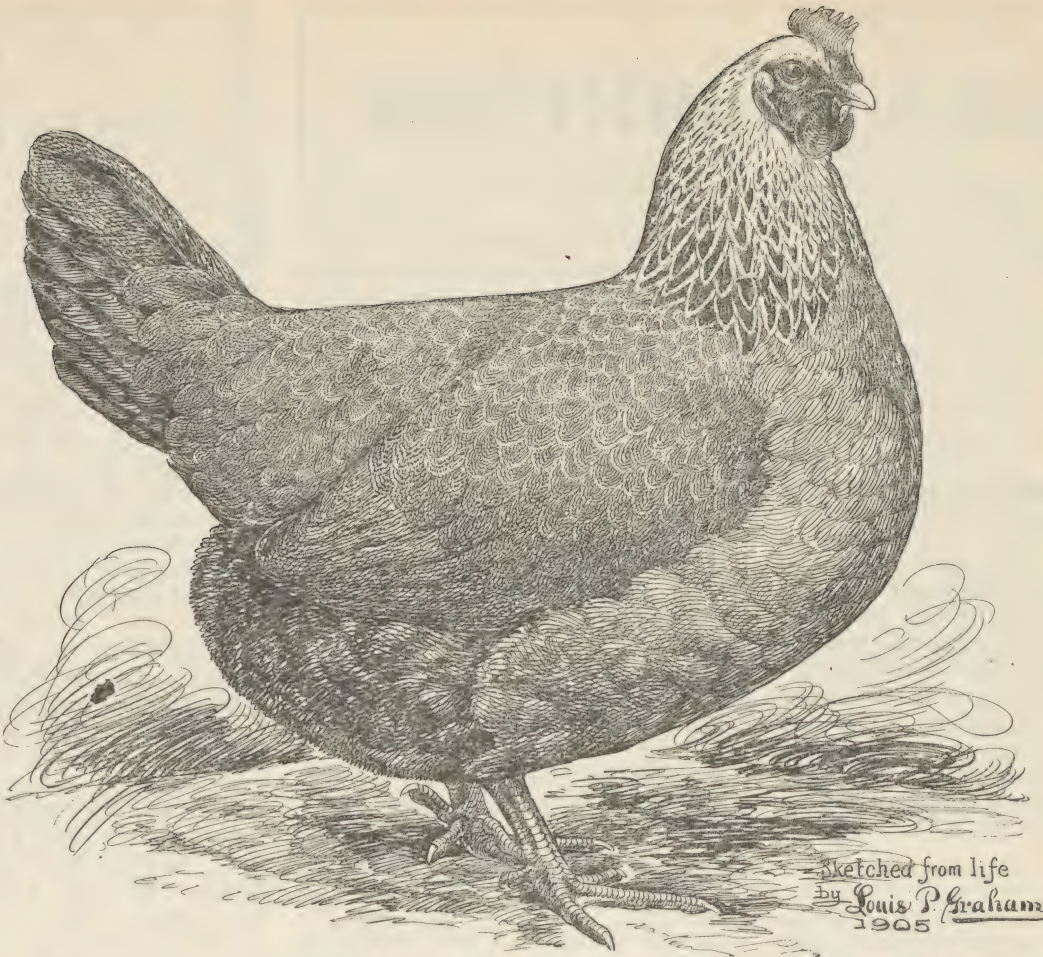
All the different breeds of fowls have been bred for years with a certain object in view, some for eggs, some for meat, and it is reasonable to suppose that these traits are a part of the nature of that particular breed of fowls. Leghorns are layers and do not sit, Wyandottes are good layers and good market fowls, Plymouth Rocks are larger than Wyandottes, are just as good for market, but they probably do not lay as well. A flock of Leghorns will give you the eggs but they are poor market fowls and are not so good winter layers as Rocks or Wyandottes, but they will lay more eggs in a year on less feed. If you are looking for eggs alone you would keep Leghorns, while if you wanted a general purpose fowl Rocks or Wyandottes would be the thing. The average farm flock is made up of birds of many different types and no bird in it has any fixed characteristic, and no man can tell whether his birds are built for any purpose or not.

If a man has a flock of pure bred fowls the birds will all be of the same and have the same characteristics. The scrub hen, the scrub cow, hog and sheep cost the farmers of this country more than fires, robber trusts and hail storms put together. If any man can look at a scrub hen and tell what in-born trait of character she has that is likely to make her useful he may be justified in keeping her. A nice flock of pure bred Leghorns will lay more eggs than any flock of scrubs on the face of the earth for the simple reason that they are pure bred Leghorns.

One of the principal factors of success in the poultry business is the uniform flock and nothing but the pure bred flock is it. Do not overlook the fact that the pure bred hen is as much better than the scrub hen as the pure bred cow is better than the old brindle cow, with horns three feet long, that used to run through the woods and fields in the early days of our history. The old brindle cow has largely passed into history and now let us place the scrub hen beside her or behind her.

If we have good tools to work with we can do a good job of work, if we try; and occasionally there is a man who can do a fairly good job with poor tools, but how much better we can work if we have something good to work with, and this applies to stock as well as tools. Poorly bred stock, or more properly speaking, stock without a breeding at all is the curse of our farms. No farmer who is handicapped with scrub fowls will be able to make the most of his time and opportunities. This is as true of poultry as it is of other stock and pure bred poultry might be a stepping stone to a better bred stock of all kinds. Once let a man get the breeding fever and he will not be satisfied unless he is improving his stock from year to year.

The use of nothing but pure bred males is the first step in the right direction and every farmer should see to it that he uses nothing but the pure bred male. A pair or a trio of pure bred fowls, calves, lambs or pigs will cost but a small sum but they would be the foundation of the pure bred flock or herd of the future. We cannot say too much for well bred stock, for such is the only thing that the business farmer should have.



Sketched from life
by Louis P. Graham
1905

SILVER GREY DORKING PULLET

Winner of Champion Challenge Cup, Boston, 1905. Bred and owned by Watson Westfall, Sayre, Pa.

THE SILVER GRAY DORKING.

By Watson Westfall, Sayre, Pa., Secretary-Treasurer American Dorking Club.

In these days, when we are hearing so much about our newest and latest manufactured breeds of fowl, I thought perhaps, for a change, at least, it might please and interest your readers to look upon the pictures of a pair of really fine Silver Gray Dorkings, and hear a word in their praise from one who has bred this grand fowl exclusively for seventeen years. The pictures, as mentioned, are of the champion challenge cup winners at Boston and New York, both bred by the writer and they were sketched by Artist Graham directly from photographs taken at the time of winning. As the sporting world admires an athlete, with his strong, sturdy limbs, broad, heavy shoulders and deep full chest, so can all lovers of fine poultry admire

the Dorking fowl, that for years has shown these developments superior to all others.

I venture the assertion that there has been no fowl yet produced possessing the amount of flesh proportioned to the amount of bone as will be found with the Dorking, and this point will be very readily recognized by the butcher and the marketmen. During all the years I have had the Dorking fowl, I have found them possessing every quality which goes to make up the general all-purpose fowl. Small bones and sweet, tender, fine-grained meat for the table. Their short legs, large wings and gentle disposition makes the females especially adapted for setters and mothers. As layers, my record is seven hundred eggs in eight months, from five pullets, the count beginning on January 1st. The growth of young stock, my record is one hundred and thirteen ounces in one hundred and twenty days for a cockerel and seventy-seven ounces for

a pullet of the same age.

Since organizing the American Dorking Club some few years ago there has been a steady and increasing interest and demand for the Dorking, and as a result some of the very finest Dorkings in England and Scotland have been imported by its members, and there are now raised each year specimens fully equaling those in their mother country.

At our last Boston Show, where were exhibited one hundred and twenty-five Dorkings, there were two English winners, one a hen, second prize at the last Crystal Palace Show, and the other a cockerel, third prize at the last Dairy Show. Both were nice birds, but the former only won sixth place and the latter fifth against our American bred birds. That the Dorking may continue to gain favor and finally take its proper place in the front rank of our fowls in America is the earnest wish of the members of the American Dorking Club.



(G. O. Brown.)

See that all the needed repairs to the harness is attended to, so as to be in readiness for spring work. Copper rivets can be bought at hardware store and a good deal of the mending can be done at home.

Rough hillside lands can be turned into sources of profit by utilizing them for poultry runs and setting out fruit trees for orchards. Such lands cannot well be cultivated.

Make a study of the soils of the different fields. Intelligent farming

always means profitable results. There is no such thing as luck in farming, good or poor results come from specific reasons.

In some sections of the country women make good "pin money" raising violets. Some branches of hot-house culture are especially suitable for women.

Give the hens a chance to follow the plow. They find worms, grubs and other insects that will help the yield of eggs, and their aid in helping to keep in check insect depredators will be quite an important factor.

Rhubarb pie and sauce are good spring medicines to take, and pleasant ones too. The acid is good for the blood in spring. Good wine and jam can also be made of it.

If a certain vegetable is plentiful on the market, gather the best and leave the common on the farm. If scarce, cull close and sell each kind

and size for what it is.

Let your word be surer than your bond, and your wholesale customers will have the larger part of your load sold before it gets to the store and the consumer will have the pot on ready to receive it.

Have a good portion of the garden flowers the old time favorites. They call up pleasant memories to the older members of the household. Many of the old-time flowers are beautiful.

When you get a case of the blues go out in the garden with the hoe and get busy. You will soon become so interested that you will be enjoying the wonders of nature, and you'll have a good appetite for the next meal.

Harden the tomato plants by setting them out under cold frames. If they remain too long in the hot-bed they will spindle up. Short stocky plants are best and will produce more tomatoes.

Shull's Saunterings

Next, I called upon the well-known and popular fancier and breeder of White Wyandottes, Dr. H. Judson Lipes, of 178 Washington avenue, Albany, who rears a superior strain of White Wyandottes on his farm outside of the city limits, where he has a very fine plant. It is to be hoped that the Doctor will send The American Fancier a description and half-tones of both plant and birds, for they would be very interesting to all true fanciers.

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I also called upon William C. Jordan, Assistant Secretary of the American Fancier's Association, who is a breeder of fancy pigeons and White Wyandottes, which have won a number of prizes in good company at several shows. Mr. Jordan is a jolly good fellow, and is never at a loss for something to say, and is a personage whom it is a rare treat to meet.

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Two miles east of Johnstown, N. Y., is the well-known plant of John C. Blunck, known as the Prospect Hill Poultry Farm, which is given wholly to breeding and rearing Game and Ornamental Bantams and Standard Games of all varieties. The genial John had over seven hundred birds when I visited him, and even to give a synopsis of what I saw is quite beyond me. The first pen to attract my attention was an aggregation of Black Breasted Red Games, a cock and ten females that for size, color and station, and make-up generally, lay way over everything it has been my pleasure to look upon in many a moon. The cock bird is a big fellow, grand in color, and of the typical wedge-shaped body, with splendid reach and station. Next I looked upon a pen of Black Games. Here I met a genuine surprise, it being universally understood that in Black and White Games that the quality is away below that of all other varieties, and I must say that I never expected to see anything like the collection I saw. It was a showing that it will take other varieties a good long while to beat. Silver Duckwings were next in order. Here was a grand variety, among which I saw the first prize winner at Madison Square, this same hen winning the special for the best female Duckwing in the show. Next came the Golden, with seven or eight as nice a birds as ever delighted the eyes of a fancier. The cock at the head is one of the grandest birds of his variety. In Brown Reds, John has them to satisfy the most exacting, many of the original stock being imported from England. The pen of Birchens that I came upon next were a delight, and, to be truthful, I cannot do them justice. In fact it makes a fellow stop to think where he could find fault with them. Grand in color and station, with long, snake-heads, blue-black in face, with the black and white markings, make this variety a combination that it is hard to beat for beauty. In Red Pyles, John again has something away up in G, a large, healthy looking lot of birds, great in size, with plenty of style and station, long, snake-like heads, with good orange colored legs, taken together

with their beautiful plumage, they make up a deservedly popular variety, that have few, if any, equals, and no superiors. Black Sumatras are last on the list, but by no means least in quality, as the owner can verify by his winnings in the past few years. Black as crows, with that metallic green cast to the feathers, when the sun strikes them, with the quality, style and general make-up, they are considered by many to be one of the most handsome of the Game family. Mr. Blunck is also a breeder of Game and Ornamental Bantams and Silkies, all of which he breeds to a great style of perfection, breeding about every variety of Ornamental Bantams known, and some other time I may have something to say of them.

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Situated on Porter street, Gloversville, N. Y., are the yards of Ira Sitterly, the well known electric railway man, who rears Golden Wyandottes, Golden Penciled and Golden Spangled Hamburgs. His birds did some remarkable winning for him during the past show season. The Wyandottes are of good size and marking, and originally came from the best blood obtainable, which he has been line breeding for the past seven years. His Hamburgs came from the yards of Oke & McNeil, the well-known Canadian breeders, and Mr. Sitterly has been breeding them for several years, and has unquestionably the finest flock of this variety that one would want. His winnings the last show season speak well for his stock, and will no doubt bring him his share of patronage.

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At the Stephen Thompson Paper Mills, at Greenwich, N. Y., I met H. E. Humphrey, who is a breeder of standardbred White Leghorns, having bred this variety for over a quarter of a century. He lately secured stock and eggs from some of the best breeders, which makes his present stock second to none. At Cambridge, he lately won two firsts, one second, and three thirds. With two entries at Schenectady, a cockerel and a pullet, he won two firsts, also special for best pullet in class. He has the birds of the true type, which have proved themselves to be prolific layers of large eggs.

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Joseph Miller, Jr., of Greenwich, N. Y., is a young breeder of Rose Comb Rhode Island Reds. He won at Cambridge, Albany and North Adams during the last show season, taking second cock at Cambridge, second cock and second pullet at Albany, and second cockerel and first pullet at North Adams on an entry of two birds. His birds are free from smoot or foreign color in plumage, and are liberal layers of large brown colored eggs. The cock bird in Pen No. 1 is sire of more birds winning first than any bird of its specie in the country. Pen No. 2 is headed by second cock at Cambridge, six very fine pullets being in his company.

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I next visited Elmer Holbrook, S. C. B. L. S., which means Single Comb Brown Leghorn Specialist, who has a

very nice lot of these egg machines, that are right in it when it comes to winning. In Pen No. 1 is the cockerel that won first at New York in 1905, who had eight birds mated to him in hopes of producing show cockerel birds of a uniform color. For his pullet matings he has third hen at Rochester, 1905; also first and third hen at Schenectady, 1906, and a few more very fine birds that he has never shown. Mr. Holbrook also has three more pens mated that should prove good breeders of either pullets or cockerel, not a poor one being in the lot. At the Great Eastern Show this year Mr. Holbrook won first cock, first cockerel, and second and fourth hen. His birds are of good size, and are phenomenal layers, and their exhibition record certainly prove them to be a very attractive bunch of the right article in feathers.

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Single Comb and Rose Comb Brown Leghorns are the hobby of William F. Liddell, of Greenwich, but just at present the owner is out of the former variety. He has at this writing first cock and first cockerel, and also third pen at Madison Square. He won four firsts and one second prize at Gloversville, besides his World's Fair and Chicago winners. In fact, Mr. Liddell has always been a most liberal exhibitor, and has few equals as a fancier, all of his birds being reared on farms, which gives them good size, plenty of bone and stamina, which helps to make prize winners.

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V. E. Lincoln, of Groton, N. Y., is a breeder of Single Comb Black Minorcas. He has birds of good size and shape, together with the necessary color, if black is called a color. Their combs are the grandest ever, and they lay a large white egg, one of which is almost a meal in itself. Birds from this flock have won at Dryden and Auburn.

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A. J. Shothofer, of Clinton, N. Y., is another breeder that I met at Utica. He breeds Single Comb White Leghorns and White Wyandottes. His birds are noted for their great laying qualities, and have won a name for themselves in the show room, winning during the last show season in good company at several of the leading shows.

JOSEPH L. SHULL.

BUSINESS HAS BEEN GOOD.

From all parts of the country come the same reports of prosperity and cheerfulness in the poultry industry. The past season has certainly been one to be long remembered. Our advertisers write of the remarkable returns which they have received from their investments, and altogether the situation appears to be one for congratulations. There never has been a time in this country when the poultry business promised as much for both small and large operators as at present. Our advice to all is—take advantage of this opportunity and make your profits while they are in sight. We would not reduce breeding stock too much, but the youngsters should be hurried forward and put upon the market early.

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EGGS—Receipts for the week, 183,551 cases.

Nearby, f. g., selected	..	@	19 1/2
white, fancy	..	@	19
Good to choice	..	@	18 1/2
Fancy, mixed, choice	..	@	18
Extra firsts	..	@	18
Western, f. g., extra firsts, storage packed	..	@	18 1/2
Fresh gathered extra firsts	..	@	18
Firsts	..	@	17
Seconds	..	@	16 1/2
Thirds	..	@	15 1/2
Kentucky firsts	..	@	15
Seconds	..	@	16
Tenn. and other Southern firsts	..	@	14 1/2
Southern seconds	..	@	15 1/2
Thirds	..	@	14
Western dirties, No. 1	..	@	12 1/2
No. 2	..	@	12
Checked eggs	..	@	12 1/2
Duck eggs, Baltimore	..	@	20

DRESSED POULTRY—Receipts for the week, 15,394 packages.

FRESH KILLED—ICED.			
Turkeys, average lots	14	@	16
Old toms, selected (culls out)	15	@	16
Poor to medium	13	@	14
Chickens, broilers—4 lbs per pair and under—			
Philadelphia, dry-picked, fancy	33	@	35
Dry-picked, average run	25	@	30
N P & Pa, dry-picked, fancy	..	@	30
Dry-picked, average run	20	@	25
Fowls—			
Philadelphia, dry-picked, fancy	..	@	14
Dry-picked, average run	..	@	13 1/2
Western, dry-picked, selected barrels	..	@	13 1/2
Dry-picked, average run	..	@	13
Scalded, selected bbls	..	@	13 1/2
Scalded, average run	..	@	13
Other Poultry—			
Old cocks, dry-picked	..	@	10
Scalded	..	@	10
Ducklings, Long Island	18	@	19
Eastern and other nearby	17	@	18
Squabs, prime white—			
8 lbs to doz, per doz	..	@	3 50
7 lbs to doz, per doz	..	@	2 50
6@6 1/2 lbs to doz, per doz	1 75	@	2 00
Mixed, per doz	..	@	1 50
Dark, per doz	1 25	@	1 50
Culls, per doz	50	@	75

FROZEN POULTRY.

Turkeys, hen, No. 1	..	@	20
Toms, No. 1	19	@	19 1/2
No. 2	..	@	16
Old toms, No. 1	18	@	18 1/2
Capons, Western	19	@	20
Under 8 lbs each	18	@	18 1/2
Broilers, milk-fed, dry-picked, 4 lbs and under to pair	21	@	22
Dry-picked, 4 lbs and under to pair, No. 1	18	@	19
Scalded, 4 lbs and under to pair, No. 1	16	@	17
No. 2	13	@	14
Roasting chickens, milk-fed, dry-picked, fancy	16	@	17
Soft meat, fancy	15	@	16
Average, No. 1	12	@	14
No. 2	8	@	10
Chickens, No. 2	8	@	10
Ducks, No. 1	14	@	15
No. 2	12	@	13
Geese, No. 1	12	@	13
No. 2	8	@	10

LIVE POULTRY—Receipts for the week, 54 cars.

Broilers, per pair	40	@	50
Per lb.	20	@	25
Fowls, per lb.	..	@	14
Roosters, young	..	@	12
Roosters, old, per lb.	..	@	8 1/2
Turkeys, per lb.	..	@	12
Ducks, western, average, per pair	75	@	85
Southern, per pair	60	@	70
Geese, Western, per pair	1 25	@	1 50
Southern & Southwestern, per pair	90	@	1 00
Live pigeons, per pair	30	@	..

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The Bantam Fowl

BY REX

The display of Bantams of all kinds and character has never been so large as last fall at the fairs and winter shows. At some of the most popular fairs the display of Bantams was at least one-fourth of the whole exhibition. At several fairs that we have visited in the East the past season we were entered for competition from four to six hundred bantams. In some of the classes as many as twenty-five or thirty individual specimens competed, and the quality of the birds throughout all the classes better than have ever been shown before.

The Asiatic Bantams seem to lead in popularity, following the Black Red Game Bantams. More Cochins Bantams were shown than of any other variety, unless it might be the Game Bantams. The quality of the Asiatic Bantams has improved so very much in the past few years as to surprise even those most interested in them. The Light Brahma Bantams are beginning to take more of the breed characteristics of the Brahma; in fact, many of the specimens shown are simply miniature Light Brahmas, weighing about twenty-eight to thirty ounces, the color of the hackle, wing and tail so much improved as to rival the larger Brahmas. The striping of the neck hackle needs considerable improvement as yet, as does that of the flights and secondaries of the wings, but from the general appearance of the surface-color and the markings they are very much more attractive than ever before.

Formerly the Brahma Bantams were simply of the same shape and form as Cochins Bantams with Brahma markings. This has been so greatly improved that the Brahma Bantams, both Light and Dark, look like Brahmas. This is as it should be, and more attention should be paid to this by breeder, exhibitor, and judges alike, so as to compel those who hope to win prizes on Brahma Bantams to have them of Brahma shape and type. Vast improvement has been made in the Dark Brahmas as well, in shape, size and color. The stud of Dark Brahma Bantams that was shown at Boston a year ago and then sold to Mr. D. Lincoln Orr are as finely bred and of as fine a quality as are any of the standard-bred Dark Brahmas themselves. No one has better Light and Dark Brahma Bantams than has Mr. Orr, he having, we presume, given more attention to importing and having the best than any other breeder in the country.

In Cochins Bantams the march forward has been so regular and strong as to add largely to the beauty and value of all the four varieties. The Buff Cochins Bantams, we presume, are the best known of any variety of bantams in the world. More of them are bred, exhibited and sold than of any other, and we quite frequently see at the present time, male birds of as perfect Cochins type and color as is seen on the large Buff Cochins fowls. Dark or cinnamon color should not be

allowed in the show pen any more. It is old-fashioned and should be discarded. The soft, smooth, even golden-buff is the only color that should be encouraged and allowed in the show-pen. Judges and exhibitors alike should drive the cinnamon Cochins out of Bantam alley. Seldom, if ever, do we see a very dark or cinnamon-colored female shown. In fact, some of the most beautiful of all Cochins as to color, either large or small, have been seen in the little Buff Cochins Bantam females.

White Cochins Bantams and Black Cochins Bantams are now produced of the very highest quality of size, shape and color. Some of the very best shaped Cochins Bantam females that we have ever met with have been Black Cochins. They suffer less from the divided backs than any of the other Cochins, it seems. One of the greatest faults in the Buff Cochins is to have the back divided into four sections. One section the cushion and tail standing out alone, another from in front of the cushion to the neck, and the wings on either side, appearing like four divisions of the back. The true Cochins Bantam back should be one continual formation from right back of the neck clear down and including the back, cushion, saddle, and wings; all should be built out round and full as in the perfect Cochins hen.

More improvement has been made in the Partridge Cochins Bantams in the past few years than in any of the other Cochins Bantams. Better form, color, and marking are presented each year in the specimens shown. Some of the little females are almost as well marked as are the larger specimens, but the body color and the color of the penciling not so good yet as we would like to see it. In fact, the females fail very much in this when compared with the larger specimens. The rich mahogany-red color so desirable and so much talked of in the large Cochins females has not yet been brought to equal perfection in the Partridge Cochins Bantam females, but so much improvement has been made in them in the last five years as to almost warrant us in saying that in the near future we shall hope to see the Partridge Cochins Bantam females coming very close, at least, to their large ancestors in color and marking.

The Langshan Bantams that made such a furore a few winters ago have dropped almost entirely out of sight. Much mention was made of them for a time, but now they are seldom heard of. The statement was made that they were simply descendants from standard Langshans that had hatched some young very late in the winter, and through neglect they had made such a slight growth as to furnish the groundwork for a grand lot of Langshan Bantams. Many are of the opinion that they were simply produced from very spare-feathered, long-legged Black Cochins Bantams, crossed upon the bantams to get the more erect carriage, and the result was the

outcropping of considerable hock-plumage. However, in careful hands some of the best selected of these Langshan Bantams might have been gathered into beautiful specimens of the bantam kind.

We have seen some Minorca Bantams and some Ancona Bantams which were minatures of the larger of their kind. The Cuckoo or Scotch Gray Bantam has been brought to the front in this country under the name of Plymouth Rock Bantams. They are, however, simply the Scotch Gray or Cuckoo Bantam of England as bred there for many years, a small bantam rather of the Leghorn type, with single comb and barred like the Plymouth Rocks. It would be much better to continue them under the name of Scotch Grays so as to have uniformity in this country and in England in this variety or breed. The long, flowing tail of the Scotch Gray Bantams would scarcely conform with the proper shape and form of tail of the Plymouth Rock, and it is quite misleading and rather detracts from the interest of the breed to call them Plymouth Rock Bantams and exhibit them with flowing tails. There is rather too much latitude given to this kind of thing both by poultry show managements, judges, and exhibitors. It would be better for the poultry business at large if less latitude were allowed along these lines.

By whatever name they may call a bantam they should either have distinctive color and marking of their own or be named after some standard-bred breed and variety and they should conform to the shape, color, and marking of the breed they imitate. This is in absolute demand for all the Asiatic Bantams, Brahma Bantams, and the most miniature bantams in form, as Cochins Bantams, must conform to the same shape, form, and feather as demanded in the large Cochins, color in every case being alike as described in the Standard for color of the large breeds and varieties. If every one would bear in mind the fact that their bantams must positively conform to the shape and the color of the breed they imitate or imitate, there would be less trouble and dissension and fault-finding both in the buying, selling, and exhibiting of same. No bantam should be permitted to be classed or exhibited in a class under the name of a fowl that it does not conform to in shape and color. If these rules were followed out absolutely and continually, we would find far greater improvement still, coming to all breeds and varieties of bantams.

DATES CLAIMED.

Under this heading there will appear each week a list of all the shows claiming dates for the coming season. Secretaries of poultry, pigeon and pet stock exhibitions will confer a favor by sending in the dates selected as promptly as possible. It is not only a convenience and guide to secretaries of shows that have not selected their dates, but of great interest to readers of *The American Fancier*, a majority of whom are exhibitors.

The name of secretary and judges will be appreciated when sending in notices.

Aug. 21-24—Cortlandt, N. Y. Cortlandt County Agricultural Society, W. J. Greenman, Secretary.

Sept. 11-13, Mercer, Pa. Mercer County Fair and Poultry Show. T. E. Orr, Judge; John P. Orr, Secretary.

Sept. 17-22, North Yakima, Wash. State Fair, G. A. Graham, Secretary; Harry H. Collier, Superintendent Poultry.

Sept. 24-29, Spokane, Wash. Inter-State Fair, Robt. H. Cosgrove, Secretary.

October 2-5, Chatham, N. Y. Columbia County Agricultural Society, W. A. Dardess, Secretary.

Nov. 12-17—Houston, Tex., Howey S. Fox, Jr., Secretary.

Nov. 12-17, San Jose, Cal. Santa Clara Valley Poultry and Pet Stock Association, E. Van Every, Secretary, Edenvale, Cal.

Nov. 21-23, West Haven, Conn. D. A. Nichols, D. J. Lambert, W. R. Graves, Judges; E. J. Crawford, Secretary.

Nov. 27-Dec. 1, York, Pa. C. T. Cornman, William G. Minich, Judges; J. N. Lovett, Secretary.

Dec. 3-9, San Francisco, Cal. California Poultry Association, J. C. Williams, Secretary, Fruitvale, Cal.

Dec. 4-7, Holyoke, Mass., George Barnett, Jr., Secretary.

Dec. 4-7, Philmont, N. Y. D. A. Nichols, Judge; G. J. Anderson, Secretary.

Dec. 4-8—Youngstown, O., H. J. Cossler, Secretary.

Dec. 4-8—Wilkes Barre, Pa., David T. Miller, Secretary.

Dec. 4-8—Providence, R. I., Rhode Island Poultry Association, W. I. Brown, Secretary, 6 Exchange Place.

Dec. 5-8, Grand Rapids, Wis. Grand Rapids Poultry Association; B. G. Eggert, Secretary; Frank Heck, Judge.

Dec. 5-8, Paterson, N. J. Paterson Poultry, Pigeon and Pet Stock Association; Charles Frost, Secretary.

Dec. 5-8, Danbury, Conn. Western Connecticut Poultry Association, Charles H. Brundage, Secretary; Judges, J. H. Drevenstedt, T. F. McGrew, Hon. David Nichols and W. H. Card.

Dec. 5-8, Ellensburg, Wash., Harry H. Collier, Judge; Mrs. S. F. Montgomery, Secretary.

Dec. 6-9—Danbury, Conn., C. H. Brundage, Secretary.

Dec. 11-14, Lewistown, Mo. Lewistown Poultry Association; A. O. Brooking, Secretary, La Belle, Mo.; Frank Heck, Judge.

Dec. 11-14, Winsted, Conn. F. D. Hallett, Secretary.

Dec. 11-16, Tacoma, Wash., Henry Ber-rar and Harry H. Collier, Judges; Mrs. C. A. Pratt, Secretary.

Dec. 12-14—Kingston, N. Y., F. E. Miller, Secretary, Rifton, N. Y.

Dec. 12-15—Corsicana, Tex., W. E. Elliott, Secretary, Box 281.

Dec. 12-15, Fresno, Cal. Fresno Poultry, Pigeon and Pet Stock Association, George R. Andrews, Secretary.

Dec. 12-15, Stoughton, Wis. Stoughton Poultry Association; Sylvanus Ames, Secretary; Frank Heck, Judge.

Dec. 12-15, St. Mary's, Ohio. Wick Hathaway, Judge; F. F. Aschbacher, Secretary.

Dec. 17-22, North Yakima, Wash., W. C. Denny, Judge; S. H. Schreiner, Secretary.

Dec. 18-21, Geneva, Ohio. R. H. Munger, Secretary.

Dec. 19-22, Holland, Mich. Holland Poultry and Pet Stock Association; L. S. Sprietsma, Secretary; Frank Heck, Judge.

Dec. 19-22, Mohnsville, Pa. Wyomissing Poultry Association; George W. Hatt, Secretary, Mohn's Store, Pa.; Charles T. Cornman, Judge.

Dec. 20-22, Wenatchee, Wash., Harry H. Collier, Judge; John N. Johnson, Secretary.

Jan. 2-5, South Bend, Wash., Harry H. Collier, Judge; F. M. Heath, Secretary.

Jan. 7-11, Aurora, Ill. Aurora Poultry Association; Walter M. Smith, Secretary; Frank Heck, Judge.

Jan. 7-12, Auburn, N. Y. Annual meeting of American Poultry Association with Auburn Fanciers' Association. J. H. Scott, Secretary.

Jan. 8-10, Lenox, Mass. Honest "Dave" and Shaylor, Judges; L. H. Peters, Secretary.

Jan. 8-11, Middletown, Conn. Graves and Bunnell, Judges; Arthur L. Clark, Secretary.

Jan. 8-13, Seattle, Wash., George D. Holden, Judge; N. Anderson, Secretary.

Jan. 9-12, Alameda, Cal. Alameda County Poultry Association, C. G. Hinds, Secretary.

Jan. 9-12, Tiffin, Ohio. Chas. McClave, Judge; V. Crabtree, Secretary.

Jan. 9-13, Chilton, Wis. Chilton Poultry and Pet Stock Association; A. Stransky, Secretary; Frank Heck, Judge.

Jan. 15-19, 1907—Kansas City, Mo., P. H. DePree, Secretary.

Jan. 15-19—Angola, Ind., Tri-State P. and P. S. Association, W. K. Sheffer, Secretary.

January 15-19, Scranton, Pa., A. W. Close, Secretary.

Jan. 16-20, Charlotte, N. C. Charlotte Poultry Association; W. B. Alexander, Secretary.

Jan. 16-22, Portland, Oregon, Elmer Dixon, Judge; F. Fenwick and E. Carlisle, Secretaries.

Jan. 21-26, Walla Walla, Wash., Elmer Dixon, Judge; J. M. Davis, Secretary.

Jan. 28-Feb. 2, Cleveland, Ohio. Cleveland Fancier's Club Co.; F. L. Gruchl, Secretary; 1922 Woodland Ave.

Jan. 30-Feb. 2—St. Albans, Vt., C. O. Barrett, Secretary.

Feb. 5-9, Hudson, Mich. Southern Michigan Poultry Association; Ed. R. West, Secretary; Frank Heck, Judge.

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Mr. Charles M. Diffenderfer, of Baltimore, Md., received a letter last week from the party in England to whom he sold some of his Partridge Cochins Bantams stating that they were way ahead of anything yet produced on that side of the pond. He also received another order from the same customer for a very fine trio of birds, which includes a choice cockerel and two very extra choice pullets, to be shipped this week. Mr. Diffenderfer is naturally very proud of this achievement, and has the letters from one of the most prominent breeders in England to prove this, should any one doubt it. We are just as pleased to note his success and hope to see more choice birds go over to King Edward's country and place the American breeders in the front rank, where they should belong.

If there are any breeders in the United States, Canada or England that have White Crested Blue Polish fowl for sale, we should be glad to have their addresses, as we have had an inquiry for the same. They must be good specimens.

Since Ray Ruliffson became famous because his Black Cochins Bantams laid eggs that looked like small marbles, "Johnny" Tallinger, of the same city, (Rochester), became interested in Wizard Burbank's experi-

menting, and has produced a rubber necked Indian Runner Duck, that has the reach of a giraffe and will keep his peach trees free from the San Jose scale by simply feeding on the latter. But "Johnny" was always clever at such things. Years ago he had a strain of White Wyandottes that laid eggs the shape of door knobs.

Twenty Rouen Ducks, consigned to Doctor E. H. Morris, Sparkill, N. Y., arrived by "S. S. Victorian" from England, last week. They were reshipped to a customer in North Carolina.

The brief article on Silver Grey Dorkings, by Watson Westfall, as well as the two illustrations accompanying the same, deserve more than a passing notice. Mr. Westfall is an earnest and enthusiastic fancier of England's most famous fowl and has never wavered in his support of the same. We wish we could induce more fanciers to take up this fine fowl. It is far more useful and profitable than some of so-called popular newer varieties. Dorking eggs are large and white, the carcass is large and the flesh delicious. A fine combination—no better.

The International and Crystal Palace Show managers are trying to amalgamate, it is whispered. Good, if true. It seems to us, from what we have heard and read, that it is up to the Palace people to surrender and join hands with the now popular International management. Two big shows in one week, in one city, is too much of a good thing and not calculated to smooth over the strained relations existing. Shows that fail to meet their obligations sooner or later become dead cocks in the pit. The Palace had the "twenty-three" tag on two years ago and has been skiddooing ever since. As there are some American birds going over to these shows next fall, it would be well to know in good

season how matters stand in the show business in "Dea Old Lunnon."

Col. S. Sandbach, Royal Welsh Fusiliers, made a brief call at The American Fancier office last Saturday. The Colonel had just returned from a long trip to the West Indies, and was on his way to London, England. The two days he had in little old New York were largely taken up in looking up some of the chicken fanciers, and, of course, he "happened in" at "Billy" Stanton's, where there is usually a gathering of the feathered cranks. Col. Sandbach regretted his lack of time, as he intended visiting some of the numerous plants in the vicinity of New York. He took several Barred Plymouth Rocks over to forage on English fields and expects to import some more later on. The Colonel sent some Lakenvelders to this country in the past, but Partridge Wyandottes and Barred Rocks seem to be his favorites now. He does not like the American Partridge Wyandotte and thinks our fanciers are breeding the latter too dark in color. In this some of our most observing fanciers of Partridge Wyandottes will argue with him. Too many females, no matter how exquisitely penciled, are losing that rich brown color so much sought after in a Partridge Wyandotte. He likes the sharp and narrow barring and color in our first-class Barred Rocks, something, we believe, the English Rocks are not so nicely begarbed with. The more we think over such matters as the above, the more we are convinced that an International Standard for poultry will prove a universal blessing, provided we can get judges on both sides of the herring pond to place their awards as the Standard demands.

Where will the next Newark show be held?

Editor Frank Heck is getting a few left-handed bouquets fired at him by some of his editorial brethren because he had the temerity to criticise the Chicago Show. "Frankie" says these fellows are interested financially in the show, hence their displeasure at his criticisms. Keep the old push ball moving, Frank, it will do much good. Chicago must line up in Class A of shows after this. This reminds us that there are a few other shows that need a little stirring up. There is such a thing as being too independent and regardless of the interests of exhibitors. The latter make successful shows possible, but some secretaries get the enlargement of the coco and think they are it with the big I attachment.

There will be no poultry show at Young's Pier, Atlantic City, this season. This is too bad, as Deacon Ivory Sparks and Uncle Thomas Rackham proposed doing a new marine stunt in the ocean, both being presented with beautiful red silk sashes by the Bambergers, of Newark, to use as bathing wraps. The Deacon is very busy just now, taking care of hundreds of White Wyandotte chicks and dodging rain drops on showery days.

A most welcome visitor to The American Fancier office, last week, appeared in the stalwart form of George E. Howell, whose "Practical Pointers" column in this paper, now, as well as

in past years, has always been enjoyed by those that really know something about chickens. George is all chicken and always has been. If ever a man had practical experience in raising chickens, selling eggs for market, and for a number of years handling thousands of dozens in New York City, Mr. Howell is the real goods. He started as a chicken farmer and is now back again on the old farm, breeding Holstein cattle and supplying the fancy market with choice eggs, laid by a select flock of Leghorns and Minorcas. We will never forget the year Mr. Howell passed in The American Fancier office, at Johnstown, N. Y., the first year of this paper's existence. George and the writer spent many pleasant, albeit, busy hours together trying to get out the paper. It was a case of being bookkeeper, mail clerk, scribe and everything else in those days. But the combination worked nicely and what was lacking in a princely income, was fully made up in the pleasure derived in seeing the child grow up and become a real poultry newspaper.

Another welcome visitor turned up in the person of "Billy" Hammell, of Toronto, Canada. The famous Game Bantam fancier had a few days vacation in New York, and, of course, had to run up to see "Jimmy" Glasgow, at Mahwah, N. J., and talk Bantam for a day. He told us that the "genial James" had a great lot of Bantams and pigeons and will make the fur fly at the big shows next winter. We noticed that "Billy" had a fine Birchen Bantam stag to take to Canada, and it's safe betting that Hammell's string will be in the fight at Madison Square next January. He is raising some very fine Brown Reds and reports a grand pen of breeders of this variety as doing remarkably well, the early chicks being strong and promising, with the Bantam months yet to come and hear from.

There was a great old party held the other night at Short Hills, N. J., in honor of "Doctor Ben" Thorton, the Game Bantam King of the United States. Mr. Fincke acted as host, and that is "nuff sed." It was a glorious night, a fine dinner and a grand time. Some of the invited guests could not get there, but R. L. Hutchings and F. H. Dillingham ran up from New York, and reported a most enjoyable trip. Doctor Thorton is quietly getting his cards shuffled for a big Bantam deal, which if it goes through, bring out a large entry of crack birds at early and late winter shows.

An editorial in the May 5th issue of the New York World gives some interesting facts regarding the American hen. It appears the latter made a record last week. On Thursday, May 3d, there were received in New York City over 40,000 cases containing 15,125,000 eggs. This was almost four eggs each for every man, woman and child in Greater New York, or more than three times the average daily consumption. The value of these eggs was \$250,000. This beats the annual statistics and generous praise of "Old Biddy," by the Secretary of Agriculture, who is quite a hen crank from all accounts. Secretary Wilson reports that last year the eggs of the United States were worth more than the cotton or the wheat, more than all the

Another point made in favor of this new regulator is given in the circular, as follows: "The vital point in the success of an incubator is the absolute control of the temperature of the eggs. In order to accomplish this, it is necessary that the regulator be operated directly from the temperature of the eggs themselves, as in the case with our system, instead of trying to govern the temperature of constantly moving currents of air surrounding the eggs, which is the system followed by every make of regulator heretofore placed on the market. With this regulator the machine can be started at any time, placing in the eggs at once, placing the patent thermometer on the cold eggs, and the operator can leave it with the positive assurance that, when the eggs reach a temperature of one hundred and three degrees, this regulator will keep them at this temperature as long as they are left undisturbed. It makes no difference what the temperature of the air in the machine is. The regulator will take care of that and will supply the eggs with the exact degree of heat necessary to keep them at the proper temperature, regardless of outside conditions." We have placed one of these regulators on one of our most reliable incubators and shall give it a thorough trial. We advise readers of *The American Fancier* who are interested in artificial incubation to send for a circular describing this innovation in the matter of artificial incubation, or better yet, try one of the

regulators. The price is reasonable enough, considering the great value it possesses in regulating the heat.

Placing Bantam eggs in with large eggs in incubators is not profitable; on the contrary, it is bad practice. It has spoilt many good eggs that might have hatched. Even in placing Bantam eggs only in incubators, great care must be taken to get the temperature of the eggs at the proper degree. In some incubators, the hanging thermometer is a chicken killer, as more than one unfortunate Bantam breeder can testify to. It will pay incubator manufacturers to be a little more careful in giving directions for handling the different kinds of eggs that are to be hatched in their machines, especially when it comes to Bantam eggs.

From several sources we learn that April hatches have not been as good as those in March and earlier in the season. Excepting in a few instances, this has been the case on our farm. Weaker germs seemed to be the cause, the fertility as a rule being very good. It was more noticeable in the incubator hatches than in the eggs placed under hens. Some of the hatches by the latter were good when the hen was good, but there are hens and hens, and some are anything but reliable when called upon to perform the duties a well educated feathered lady is supposed to be capable of in a twenty-one day's sittingfest. They evidently believe too much in race suicide.

This leads us to remark that we are now in a season of the hen year when the poor fellow that sells eggs for hatching is being fried on the pan by disgruntled, disappointed, disagreeable and other "D" buyers, that have failed to get fourteen chicks from thirteen eggs. Reputations are lost and destroyed for the time being. But selling eggs for hatching is, and always will be, a more or less unpleasant business, especially when eggs are sold at five to ten per.

The shipping of day old chicks in England is getting to be quite a business, and one that is destined to become profitable and important in this country as soon as the *modus operandi* is thoroughly understood. Several letters have appeared in the Feathered World, England, regarding the best method of shipping such tender charges, and the one in a recent issue by D. Montagu-Turnor, seems to be the best description of the above method we have read. He writes:

"It is most important that the chicks should not be packed and wedged firmly together. Scores and scores of deaths are attributable to suffocation through that very method of packing, and to advocate such a practice is quite a mistaken idea. Chicks when packed should be so placed in their box that there is just sufficient room for them to turn round comfortably. A little peat moss may be placed in the bottom of the box, and the corners rounded off with a little hay.

"This is all that is required, as the boxes sold by up-to-date firms are all scientifically ventilated and made to a certain measure. Chicks will take no harm from the jarring of the train, or handling of the porters (if handled, of course, in a reasonable manner).

"As an illustration of what a chick can stand, instance a brood with the old hen. First she kicks one over, treads upon another, rolls on five or six when dusting, but they all come through it all right, none the worse.

"In conclusion, let me again exhort those who are about to embark on the day-old chicken trade, whatever they do, not to try and wedge and so firmly pack the chickens that they cannot move, else their venture will end in a fiasco."

As Mr. Montagu-Turnor has shipped one day old chicks for the past ten

years all over Great Britain, France and parts of Germany, with success, his opinion is of considerable importance. We should be glad to hear from any of our readers who have had experience in this branch of the poultry business and would also be pleased to receive a description and illustration of the shipping boxes.

We received, last week, from Mr. J. Robert Livingston, Poultry Manager of Biltmore Farm, Biltmore, N. C., a newly devised egg carrier. The eggs were wrapped in paper, placed in a pasteboard compartment box, the latter being suspended in a splint basket by a patented device consisting of stout rubber stays. The eggs arrived in excellent condition, not a broken one in the lot. It looks like a safe package for even the most hard-hearted and careless express agent or messenger to handle.

The next Scranton, Pa. Show will be held January 15-19, 1907. The Scranton Poultry and Pet Stock Association has now been permanently organized and is to be incorporated. It has about eighty members, who have subscribed for some two hundred and seventy shares, at ten dollars a share. A much larger and better hall has been secured for the coming show and at least 1,500 birds can be penned comfortably. The first annual exhibition of the above mentioned excellent association was such a pronounced success, that we may look for the banner show in the Keystone State next season.

Speaking of Pennsylvania shows, what has become of the once much-advertised Philadelphia Show? Have the Quaker City fanciers given up all hope of pulling off a show in that good old burg? We have heard nothing regarding the Pittsburgh Show. The fire that destroyed the building where last year's show was to be held is out by this time and some hall must be available in the Smoky City for a show in 1907. The shows in Pittsburgh have been so successful and well managed in the past, that we naturally expect to see the welcome announcement of another one to be held. Come Messrs. Skiles, Seldon, Moore, Sutch and Hilldorfer, get the ball rolling and prepare for the next big annual. Sharp Butterfield is just aching to get to Pittsburgh and judge the smoke and tell "Joe" Hilldorfer how to breed Black Minors.

Change of Directors.

Messrs. George E. Howard and Thomas F. McGrew, of Washington, D. C., have resigned from the Board of Directors of The American Fancier Printing and Publishing Company, and Messrs. T. Farrer Rackham, of Newark, N. J., and Harry M. Pockman, of Jersey City, N. J., have been elected to fill the vacancies. Messrs. Howard and McGrew found it impracticable to run over from Washington on account of their various business interests, and Messrs. Rackham and Pockman were chosen as individuals who will ably look after the duties of their office.

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Bantam News

"The proudest Bantam in any barnyard crows two octaves higher when he is scratching in some other rooster's gravel.

It might be a good thing among Bantam breeders, as well as among others, to hold a series of poultry revival meetings where each one could come forward and tell his experiences in borrowing or lending birds for exhibition. This would necessitate a hall with an extraordinarily large stage, as there would probably be quite a rush forward after the meeting had been formally opened.

Mr. F. B. Zimmer, the Beagle and Bantam wizard, of Gloversville, has been handing out a pretty stiff line of talk in *The American Fancier* lately. He is getting uncomfortably close to some of our soft corns, but let her zip, Zim! We can ride as fast as you can pump.

If Crawford raises the entry fee to \$3.00 per bird, it will take a darn good Bantam to stand the price, not mentioning the competition, and the sale of market poultry at the close of the Madison Square Garden Show will hereafter be discontinued.

No doubt a great many who voted for Auburn as the next American Poultry Association meeting place were unaware that one of the largest State prisons is located there, and an exhibitor caught faking will undoubtedly become a permanent resident of the city.

After reading a recent editorial in *The American Fancier*, it is a pretty safe guess that R. J. Ruliffson, of Rochester, will send "Drev." another dwarfed egg soon. (Nit!). Next time, Rulie, send him a crate of eggs, instead of one, and the editorial page will be held sacred to your memory.

George L. Young, of Brooklyn, Secretary of the National Bantam Association, has proven himself an able and efficient officer. He has conducted the affairs of the Association with honesty and integrity, although he is engaged in the coal business. One cannot resist mentioning the old story of the Irishman in a cemetery, who on coming to a headstone with this inscription, "Here lies the body of a lawyer and an honest man," turned to his companion and asked: "How the devil did they come to put the two in one grave?" Secretary Young is a successful breeder of Black Rose Combs, but will devote his entire attention to breeding white birds when he retires from the coal business.

At the mention of the National Bantam Association, one cannot but think of the immense quantity of valuable timber which it contains. It can boast of an Oke, a Micheltree, some Beeches and a number of Chestnuts.

UNCLE DUDLEY.

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"Chilmark Farm"

OSSINING, NEW YORK

The Home of Prize Guernsey Cattle, Yorkshire Swine, and Standardbred Chickens and Pigeons

There is an old adage that it is not what we get that makes us rich, but it is what we are permitted to see that gives us joy and pleasure. So, it is with great good grace that The American Fancier presents to its readers a short resume of an hour's visit that two of its representatives recently paid to "Chilmark Farm," the possession of V. Everit Macy, at Ossining, New York.

It is, of course, to the chickens that the duet of The American Fancier first turned their thoughts, after having agreeably passed the time of day with Charles V. Phelps, the genial, business-like superintendent of Chilmark's broad acres and wooded heights.

That the Chilmark poultry plant is a model one may be recognized from the half-tone perspective view which accompanies this article. The main buildings is two hundred and fifty feet long, and eighteen feet wide, running east and west, and having large wire runs extending to the southward.

The poultry and pigeon stock at present consists of Single Comb Black and Buff Orpingtons, White Crested Black Polish, Single Comb White Leghorns, Barred Plymouth Rocks, Cornish Indian Games, Mammoth Pekin Ducks, White and Pearl Guineas, Homer and Runt pigeons. This will probably be augmented by the best specimens obtainable of Buff Plymouth Rocks, Plain White Polish, Single Comb Black Minorcas, Silver Grey Dorking and Buff Cochins Bantams, for



IMP MASHER'S JUSTINEE (16002)
Official Year's Record 10,450 Milk 510 Butter Fat
J. Albert Lewis, Photographer

"Chilmark" will compete in the big shows during the coming season.

The poultry house is thoroughly up-to-date in every particular, having running water in every pen, heated by hot water in winter, and has a large dressing room, with all the modern fixtures.

Hiram W. Schriver, late proprietor of the Oak Lane Poultry Yards, Chester, Orange County, New York, who has been breeding and exhibiting poul-

try at all the leading fall and winter shows since he was thirteen years of age, is the manager of the plant, and is ably assisted by John Dunstan, a young man who has had considerable experience at the business. In fact, Manager Schriver, is not so old, but he has always been mentioned in the winning columns of the show awards.

The young stock on the farm is hatched with Cypher's Incubators, and

reared in the same make of brooder. Eggs from "Chilmark" are in great demand, and find their way to all parts of the country.

The pigeons have a large flying yard, and are also allowed their liberty. They are bred for squab and exhibition purposes, and have produced winners at Madison Square Garden. The majority of the parent birds were imported direct from England.

One of the delights of "Chilmark" is the large dairy barn, a mammoth structure, which is as comfortable and slightly as it is large and well-proportioned, being of a style of modern architecture and convenience that leaves nothing to be desired, and would fit the ideal of any mortal. Here Superintendent Phelps has a cosy office, not the least attraction enconced therein being the showing of awards that have been gathered in by the "Chilmark" herd, swine and poultry at different exhibitions throughout the country.

The herd of Guernseys at "Chilmark" are the result of most careful study upon the part of Mr. Macy, who personally devoted his attention to the subject at the "Model Dairy," at the Pan-American, at Buffalo. Here ten cows of ten breeds were tested for six months, and the test determined that the soft flavor and natural color of the products of the Guernseys, as well as their ability to economically produce cream and butter, were the desirable features wanted in the "Chilmark" dairy.

Therefore, Superintendent Phelps



IMP. ANTIONETT'S QUEEN'S PRIZE VII (16010)
Now making a splendid record in the Advanced Registry
J. Albert Lewis, Photographer



COUNTESS GALORE (17721)
Now entered in the Advanced Registry as a two year old
J. Albert Lewis, Photographer

was sent to the Island of Guernsey to select representatives of the best families and lines of breeding on the Island. The first importation consisted of fifteen head, and later importations have increased that number. There is not a milk-bearing cow on the farm but what has been imported or is out of imported stock, and the excellent work done by the herd attests the wisdom of the selection.

Here are some of the records:

Imported "Masher's Justinee" (16,002), official yearly record, supervised by Cornell University, 10,450 pounds of milk, 510 pounds of butter fat.

"Justine's Golden Queen," 10,241 pounds of milk, 514 pounds of butter fat.

Imported "Beatrice of the Isle,"



A CHILMARK COCKEREL
Single Comb Black Orpington.
J. Albert Lewis, Photographer

(16,005), 8,976 pounds of milk, 518 pounds of butter fat.

There are on the farm the first prize two year old and three year old heifers on the Island; also, the first prize champion, and reserve grand champion at the World's Fair, at St. Louis.

The two young cows whom Photographer Lewis so admirably secured photos of are both entered in the advanced registry, and are making splendid records.

The imported Guernsey bull, "Cora's Governor of Chilmark" (8971), son of the noted bull, "Governor of the Chene," three times champion of the Island, is head of the "Chilmark" dairy herd.

The "King of the Bacon Hog," the improved, large Yorkshire, was chosen to occupy the swinery. The first importation was made early in 1903, and has been added to by later importations. In the fall of 1904 there was also added to the herd the reserve grand champion sow, Summer Hill Dal Empress, XXXI, No. 5,351, at the St. Louis Exposition.

This herd has won championship at New York State Fair Sweepstakes over all breeds at Trenton, N. J. two years in succession, and won 108 First Prizes out of 112 entered for.

The number of prizes won at the leading fairs in the country is ample proof of the good qualities of the herd.

In 1904, out of thirty-one classes entered, "Chilmark" captured all first and second prizes. At the New York State Fair and at the Inter-State Fair, at Trenton, N. J., this herd won over all breeds.

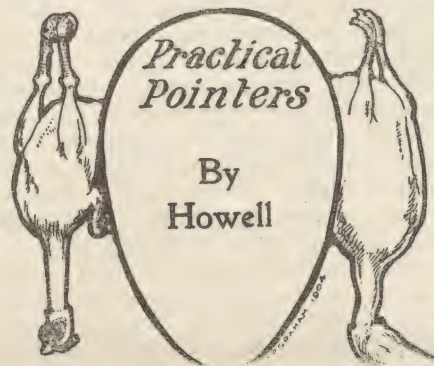
At eight different fairs in 1905, "Chilmark" herd was not defeated, winning all first and second money prizes, amounting to over five hundred dollars.



MAIN POULTRY HOUSE—"Chilmark Farm"
J. Albert Lewis, Photographer



First, Champion, and Reserve Grand Champion, St. Louis
J. Albert Lewis, Photographer



Running an incubator does not differ from any other machine, one needs but to know how and have a little experience to fall back on. It may be a coincident or even a habit, yet it is noticeable in the few accounts of actual operation made public, the same is invariably accompanied by an apology, not for the writer's forgetfulness, "but for this and that." "If I had done so and so," are common expressions. Now here is a well-meaning poultry authority telling why his machines did not hatch until the twenty-third day, which he ascribes to the fact that he ran them at a temperature of 103 degrees, instead of 104

degrees, as he has now convinced himself.

Granted his thermometers were correct, does any reader believe this was the real reason. It is just as warm in the egg chamber with the thermometer registering 103 degrees of heat on a cold day as it is on the hottest day of July, and with this temperature maintained evenly throughout both periods, the outside weather never can affect the time of hatching.

Should any care to investigate, it will be found that the old hen does well to get an average temperature of an even hundred degrees in the eggs she covers, yet she brings forth her brood at the end of twenty-one days and has no apology to make.

As I said lately, I am satisfied with the deal I get, and when a hatch is run off I refill and start over.

In duplicating a poor batch for me, a friend tells me that if I don't do no better this time I had best throw away my machine. Complimentary to the make thereof, I am sure. In self-defense, I placed some under hens; should the results from them be on a par with the machine I will know it has vindicated itself.

The conditions of the atmosphere, moisture supply, and lots of other things that have to be guessed at, play a more vital part in the result than the mere handling of the machine, and until these are determined there must be more or less of a lottery about the whole business.

Another notch has been cut from the price of eggs, the market has been in favor of the producer all through the spring, in fact, I do not know of any other branch of agriculture from which the returns have been so gratifying. More and more producers are making a speciality of new laid eggs, that is, they are finding the customers who are willing to pay the extra price, and shipping direct. Every egg thus disposed of is removed from the stagnant market channel that slowly drags along toward the consumer. The poultry raisers should do their part to maintain the pleasant relation now existing with the handling of their product, an increase in size, a careful grading that in time will be bound to secure the confidence of the receiver, and above all the ability to ship in the winter months, all these are bound to promote the industry and add to the wealth of the poultry-keeping community.

Geo E. Howell

WEED'S WANDERINGS.

First this morning, we will go to Niversville, N. Y., and see J. F. Van Alstine and his Wyandottes. The readers of The American Fancier have all heard or read of his winnings. We have simply to add that he has fine stock, kept in fine condition, and the vigor of his youngsters show that his breeders are as they should be.

We stop over one train at Canaan to see F. F. Stevens and his Buff Bantams, then to Danbury, Conn., and meet Mr. Charles H. Brundage. Mr. Brundage is simply snowed under with orders for eggs and stock, which explains his withdrawal of "ad" from The American Fancier. He immediately took us in hand and introduced us to the following fanciers: Mr. R. Ellis, who has some fine Barred and White Rocks; Mr. George M. Silverwail, who, when it comes to the hatch act with an incubator keeps them all guessing; Mr. W. B. Eastman, who has White Wyandottes good enough for any one; Mr. Ben. Brundage, who is simply a past master in snake killing. As we were looking at a fine young brood of Wyandottes, we saw a large water-snake stealthily approaching to have a chicken breakfast, but "Ben" was there, and catching that snake by the tail, with a vigorous swing he snapped that snake's head clean from its body.

Next, to G. E. Brundage's, who differently from his brothers, has taken Barred Rocks, and certainly has great birds, and some fine youngsters started.

Carl Lueder's Silvers have the blue ribbon stamp. He also has the best developed young I have seen.

Mr. C. W. Clarke ties up to White Wyandottes, and very few have better.

Mr. G. E. Eckert, and Mr. Hall, his next door neighbor, are Buff Rock enthusiasts. Danbury certainly feels the effect of having a successful Poultry Association.

Geo W Weed

PIGEON FANCY

EDITED BY H. M. POCKMAN



IMPORTED THIRD PALACE—SIRE OF MANY AMERICAN WINNERS

Mr. H. J. Bailey, of Passaic, N. J., will probably make his debut in the Pigeon Fancy next season. This gentleman has just received from England quite a shipment of English Owls. Included in the lot are some specimens of high quality. We congratulate Mr. Bailey in having the nerve to purchase these birds, and hope he will be the means of bringing out a good entry of this lovely variety, and strengthen the fancy. At a recent auction sale of Owls in England, it was no uncommon occurrence for a fancier to bid from \$125 to \$200 per bird.

We publish in this issue a very interesting letter from Mr. George E. Rowland regarding some facts about his entry at the last Boston Show. It was rather a hard proposition he had to swallow with such specimens, but when the bell rings for the 1906-07 exhibitions this fancier will be there, and there will be "something doing."

Dragoons are a variety which are gaining rapidly in favor with American fanciers. In England this is one of the most popular varieties. At the recent Palace Show, over three hundred being on exhibition. The quality throughout was of a very high order.

The Dragoon Club, Mr. F. H. Wright, Secretary, has accomplished a great deal in this country in bringing this variety to the fore by offering numerous specials, silver cups and cash prizes; also, seeing that they receive the proper classification at our shows.

This Club is supported by the best breeders of this variety. Their members have imported at a big expense some of the best in England.

Dragoons are very hardy, fine feeders, and breed very true to type, making them ideal exhibition birds.

Next issue we shall publish a Dragoon article together with a cut of one of the best Dragoons out.

SEASONABLE HINTS.

Gentian Root makes a very good tonic. About a quarter of pound dissolved in a gallon of boiling water, then let stand for a few hours, strain. A teacupful added to a gallon of water will act as a good toner.

Always use a disinfectant in the

loft. A good plan is to sprinkle the floors with a carbolic acid solution. One pint of crude carbolic acid mixed with two pounds of soap and boiling water. Thoroughly mix these, then add about two pails of water and you have an ideal disinfectant for your loft. Have the floors sprinkled about twice a week during this time of the year.

Pigeons like a variety of food. Remember this, and give them a change now and then. A little green stuff, such as lettuce, watercress, etc., will be beneficial.

A fine whitewash is made by using the following proportions for mixing: Mix about five pounds of ordinary lime in a pail of water, and while it is slacking add one-quarter pint of flour mixed with enough boiling water to make it thick. Thoroughly mix these together and apply with a good sized brush.

WASHING.

For one to undertake to wash a pigeon for an exhibition who has not previously had experience, they had better let the bird take a natural bath, and not spoil what chances the bird might have. But to properly wash an exhibition bird will improve it wonderfully, the colored varieties just as much as white. The young fancier better gain his experience with birds not intended for the show, least he be disappointed. The room should be at a temperature of seventy degrees, wrought by a good bright fire. Have everything ready before you begin. Three tubs of water, first warm, second tepid, and the third cool. Immerse the bird in the first, just allowing the head to be above, and allow to "soak" a short time. This will loosen all the dirt, then with a sponge, plenty of soap (Ivory is one of the best—do not use the common brown), lather the bird, always remember to rub with the feathers. Be sure every part has been soaped, and is thoroughly clean before taking the bird out. When you do this squeeze as much of the soapy water out as possible. Now plunge the bird in the second and rinse it, getting all the soap out of the feathers. Then just dip it a few times in the third and this will complete the bath. With a large sponge absorb as much moisture from

the plumage as you can, and after this dry with a soft Turkish towel. This should be done very carefully, as the feathers are easily spoiled when wet. After this the bird may be placed in any exhibition cage, with clean sawdust, and placed before the fire. To protect the bird from draughts, see that the three sides are covered. I would advise washing a few days before the show. In washing colored varieties a few teaspoonfuls of glycerine added to the third process will improve the color and add lustre.

MR. ROWLAND'S REPLY.

Editor American Fancier:

When the error crept into your comments, referring to the judging at Boston—that the Crystal Palace Jubilee Cup Fantail winner was first at New York, I meant to ask you to correct the statement, but considering the matter of trifling importance, neglected to do so.

Now that I have been "called," I would like the space to say that I had no idea at the time we were talking that anything said would be published—for I was speaking generally, and only mentioned Boston casually. I cannot deny, nor do I wish to take back anything, though I will qualify as to my reasons for dissatisfaction.

In the first place, I do not claim that the bird referred to should have won, but, in the young class at Boston, I penned six young whites with the following records: No. 1 Hen, first cup and medal, and runner up for Lord Mayor's Cup, for the best pigeon in show at Dairy; first and Jubilee Cup, Challenge Cup, and two gold medals, Crystal Palace, (twenty-nine in class, two hundred and sixty-seven Fantails in show). Pigeons and Poultry says of this bird: "A real gem, the very best Fantail we have ever seen." First and certificate, York; first Newark, and first Edinburgh, the only times shown and therefore never beaten till Boston. No 2 Cock, second Dairy; third Beith; first and gold medal, New York; only times shown. No. 3 Hen, second Grand Central Palace and fifth New York. No 4 Cock, first Grand Central Palace and fifth New York. No. 5 Hen, third Providence (18 in class). No. 6 Hen, first Altrencham; first Beith (Blair, Judge), first and two specials Northampton, special for the best Fantail in show (Gray, Judge), first and two specials Johnstown, special for best bird in show (Hutton, Judge); first and two specials Iverness; special best young bird in show; very highly commended, Crystal Palace; fourth New York. This latter bird is a full sister to Palace Hen.

The English papers without exception proclaimed the Palace winner the best Fantail ever seen. In Boston, the reason given, I understand, for not placing the bird, was that it "lacked substance."

Now I do claim, with a team of such evident quality, and only one of them, the Palace winner, out of condition, that it was quite impossible to not get a single mention unless the judge leaned to large-type birds. Then, of course, I could not expect to win.

I will admit that the winner had a beautifully laced tail, as were very many of the birds at the show, while mine was shown in natural state; but I hold that a judge should not be influenced altogether by fine "hand-work."

It has been said that the Palace winner had a split tail and was wet from

washing when judged. This I refute, for the bird never had a split tail, and never will have, for it is very full, double feathered. As for the wetness on the rump, my shipping boxes stood in a driving rain at Boston, and the birds were wet from that alone. I have tried to acquire and breed the smallest type, and as we get the suggestion that large birds were favored, I cannot see my way to another sound beating by again showing at Boston under the same judge. Because one owns one of the acknowledged best varieties of Fantails in America, it does not infer that he must in consequence be entirely capable of judging all varieties.

I say there were mistakes in Boston, and can hardly believe that we were all satisfied. It is all right to take one's medicine at a show, but please, the dose may be too big to swallow.

GEORGE E. ROWLAND.

SHORT CHICKEN TALKS.

Pure food always.

Eat your old hens.

Egg foods make eggs.

The hen is a good thing.

Free range means less feeding.

Exclusive grain diet never pays.

Open an account with your hens.

Profit by utilizing others' wastes.

Prevent rather than cure cholera.

Egg-producers increase the income.

Prompt action saves many a calamity.

The egg fowls have a type of their own.

Clover is a great helper in making eggs.

The hen pays well when given half a show.

New blood occasionally is spice for the whole flock.

Fresh eggs command a ready market on a cash basis.

Deterioration of the stock means beginning all over again.

Fowls must have comfortable quarters to be at home for laying.

Vegetables should play an important part in the feeding of fowls.

The important parts of the poultry business should be done by one's self.

Mismanagement is a bad practice to follow; it is responsible for many dire results.

If you are raising ducklings, it is well to remember that a duckling is about the easiest thing drowned in the poultry line. It cannot stand much rain, neither should it be allowed in the water until it begins feathering.

When eggs are laid outside the nests there must be some reason for it. There may be an insufficient number of nests, or some of them may be too light, or too dark, or infested with vermin. The cause should be searched out and remedied as far as possible.

Don't buy cheap or inferior stock. Get the best or none at all.

About every poultryman that has tried to raise poultry in the orchard has been well satisfied with the results.

The trap-nest is said to be the greatest friend to the poultryman since Noah built the Ark.

The crop-bound fowl is usually the result of careless feeding.

Although the days are getting warm, the nights are cold, so the young chickens need warm and well ventilated roosting quarters.

These are the days when body lice and mites begin to get in their fine work. A close watch should be kept on both fowls and premises.

BROWN'S BUDGET

The more variation in food for both old and young poultry the better. The seeds of all legumes, such as peas, beans, etc., contain elements of sulphur phosphorus and other salts. Any fruit that poultry will partake of is apt to contain acids that are health promoting. Ripe fruits can be allowed with impunity, but green fruits sparingly.

Some people declare hens are egg machines, but some of their owners are too mean to give food enough to keep the "machines" in even good running order. They are the kind of people who answer advertisements offering something for nothing. Their hens should tell them such ideas are a myth.

What became of the 10,000 capacity Leghorn farm that Hetty Green's son Eddie was establishing, or did do so, near Terrel, Texas? Green is a good name to start in on such a scale and Texas might be large enough. Can any of our Texas readers let us know how this Green adventure has done?

An exchange says that "a California woman has just paid a mortgage on her farm by frog-farming." She has a one hundred and fifteen acre farm, which has on it three large ponds with bullfrogs by the thousands in them. She ships these chickens—the U. S. Government classes frogs as poultry—but they should be classed as "spring" chicks—to all parts of the country, and abroad too. She is evidently successful notwithstanding the croaking connected with her business.

"Fancy" fowls on the farm is in some sections becoming the rule instead of the exception. What does it mean? Very much indeed. It means more meat pounds at same age for the same or less cost, more eggs and of size and color uniformity that makes them sell faster and for better prices. It means more slightly flocks and better satisfied farmers.

Farmers are tying to incubators pretty snugly too, I tell you. Old Bill-ups said the other day at the Cross-roads post-office grocery: "I'll be gol darned ef the hens haint having of an easy time hereabouts. Every tarnal farmer I know has got one of them inkerwhatacallem mersheens, cept Cy Skinner an he's too close-fisted ter buy coal oil or he'd run one—that is ef some cuss 'ud give it to him."

An early spring report in the Maine Farmer tells of an egg on exhibition at a store on Factory Island, Saco, Maine, "that scaled ten and three-quarter ounces and measured eight and one-eighth by eleven and three-eighths inches. The hen responsible for that sample was a cross of Indian Bantam and Plymouth Rock.

Don't throw away the horse-radish namings, boil them with the vegetable mash for the hens. If the hens

are short of greens they will eagerly eat the pieces in the raw state. In fact one should always utilize the vegetable wastes by using them for poultry feeding.

It will soon be time to see a biddy come straggling homeward with a small brood, wild as partridges. You've never missed her, and may have seen her occasionally clucking around at feed time—but she always gave you the slip and hid herself to her well-hidden nest. 'Twas ever thus.

The express company messengers are now in their glory, making football stunts with baskets of "eggs with care." What do they "care"? Isn't it about time poultrymen should arise in wrath and fight for a postal package law that would bring the express companies to a sense of their responsibilities. United effort would most certainly hatch out evidence enough to probably develop into something that might start a move that would result in success.

It is the man who doesn't haggle at the price or try to buy lower when he visits your poultry yards, that makes poultry raising a success. The man who wants something cheaper generally gets the kind that makes a doubtful start, and his finish comes soon and sure.

Good results are usually the reward for intelligent methods, bad results the lack of it. We often see these things classed as good and poor luck. Deacon Thrifty is thorough in all his methods; feeds the best feed he can get; provides good accommodations for his flock. Farmer Slowgo runs everything on the slap-dash, hap-hazard method; feeds any old thing or nothing; hens get shelter any old place. Deacon has "good luck," is successful. Slowgo has "poor luck," is unsuccessful. Each man is rewarded according to his methods and work. Luck is a myth.

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Locate the coops so that running water will not get in them. Chicks that become suddenly drenched in cold rains soon lose vitality.

The spring fever cleaning should now be at its height. The whitewash brush should be in use. Coops and houses inside and out should be gone over. Roosts coal-oiled, nest boxes cleaned and nesting material burned and new take its place.

Charcoal is specially valuable for fattening fowls, it aids digestion. Charcoal should be accessible at all times to fowls and chicks.

If the hens have to be confined to bare runs while the garden is being planted, let them out for an hour or so before they go to roost. They will keep busy picking grass and weeds and will do little if any scratching.

Don't forget to make liberal use of air-slacked lime on all the runs. Where gaps are experienced good heavy liming will somewhat lessen the trouble.

Remember that neglects are penalized in poultry keeping same as other occupations. What you do, do thoroughly or else complain not from the lack of expected results. Good results don't come from poor work.

The shtrangest oidea in the wurruld to me,

That is taxin' me noodle at presint, Is how can a poultryman make it to be,

That a chicken is dressed, when it isn't. —Yonkers Gazette.

Conveniences are great time savers. Where there are many poultry yards, gates should be made where access can be had from one yard to another without unnecessary steps. Arrange to have the water vessels in shady places. This is another time-saver, as the water will longer keep in condition for drinking purposes

There is always a tendency to enumerate the expected juvenile arrivals from the eggs before their advent from shellidom. It is often the case to expect more than is realized, but as we seldom realize more than we expect—unless we figure out on paper the possible profits from a flock of hens. Mishaps, miscues, mistakes and other misses are not figured in—the calculations are made with a sunshine pencil. But even so, a sunshine picture looks better and is more natural with half-tones and shadows. Use hot-air judiciously.

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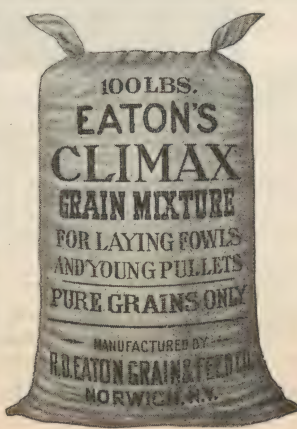
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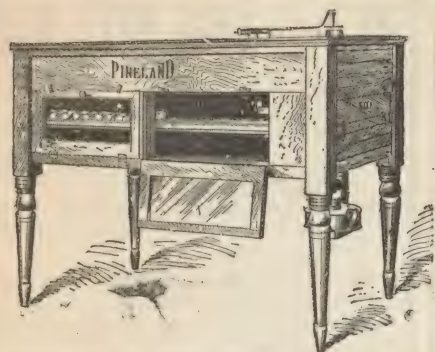
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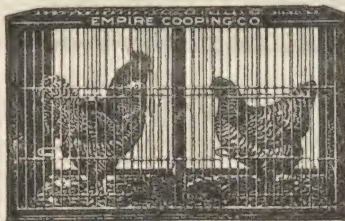
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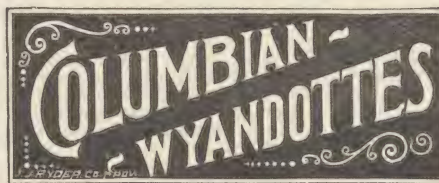
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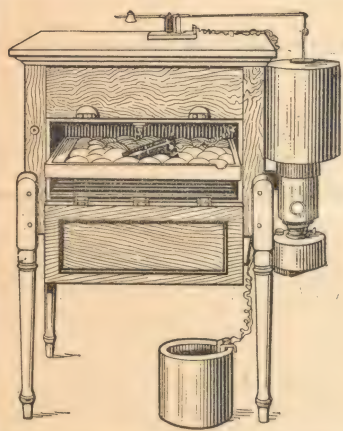
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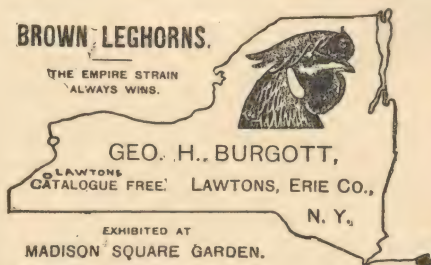
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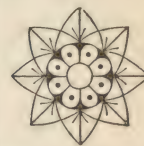
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POPULARIZING DRAGOONS

T. J. Ambrose, "Pigeon and Poultry," England



7 leaps and bounds this fascinating breed is forging ahead. The club, a model institution, recognises that the encouragement towards perfection of the breed is not their sole aim and object. They exist to encourage breeders of all grades, and have recently framed an arrangement whereby shows providing a certain number of price limit classes for Dragoons are to have a medal. Approved judges will naturally be a condition of the arrangement. Not only that, but I trust the whole amount realized above catalogue price, should an exhibit be claimed by more than one claimant, will go to the society under whose patronage the show is held. This should effectually checkmate these classes being abused as they too often are by those who utilize birds of far greater value, win the prizes and then claim the birds back, and by means of fifty per cent. of the increased price safeguard their own pocket. Another reason, too, why Dragoons are booming is because those interested in the variety are ever willing and ready to frankly discuss all that appertains to the breed. Keen as mustard over the birds, but yet respectful for the personal feelings and opinions of each other, a point too often forgotten in discussions on Fancy topics. What is the secret of this success and club government, some may ask? Respect for principle and indifference to persons. Hobbyists of great prominence are ever ready to regard and welcome the opinion of lovers of the breed, accept the evidence and appreciate it for its weight, and not acknowledge it as some I fear may do in other sections, only when it comes from favoured circles. Dragoon enthusiasts govern in the interest of the breed and not for the advantage of individuals. There, and there alone, is the secret. The annual subscription, ten shillings, unfortunately is rather exclusive, but not in proportion to the benefits derived. Mr. J. Smith, 35 Barry Road, East Dulwich, London, is the honourable secretary, and will be glad to furnish particulars of the club to any enquirer.

Is the breed suitable for novices, is oftentimes asked? I say decidedly so, but not if a novice thinks that all one has to do is to simply utilise any premises, buy the show birds, keep them clean, simply feed and water them, and pack them off to a show. Dragoons need preparation and constant attention, and it is just as absurd to think they need no preparation as it is to suppose that Tumblers, Fantails, Turbits, Carriers, etc., are shown just as Nature provided them. One point, however, must be impressed upon the hobbyist who commences with Dragoons. It means constant attention.



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Perserverence will have abundant weight—sticking to it, shall I say? Few breeds spell ruin as quickly as do Dragoons if neglected, and yet few I am certain are more hardy if a proper selection be made, and these kept under conditions calculated to suit the variety. Damp and draught are fatal, and yet cold makes practically no difference to them. Abundant air and sun is an absolute necessity to maintain that fitness so desirable to score in the show pen with hard colours. Trees and the locality where water abounds should be avoided, a humid damp atmosphere being most detrimental. Absolute liberty is in my opinion not advantageous, as it tends to increase length of feather, and that is by no means desirable, especially nowadays. Reasonable space is essential, open wire aviaries, in addition to comfortable sleeping quarters, the former flights so erected that both the sun and air can have direct play upon the birds. This to a very large extent maintains the damson cere that goes to fascinate breeders, and furnish an otherwise good headpiece. Naturally damson cers must be bred for; that is, this beautiful attribute must be strongly in evidence in the strain of the parent birds, or better still, present in the specimens you are breeding from. Abundant perch room should be provided, this preventing the birds somewhat from indulging in their natural proclivity, continual fighting.

Another advantage, too, which should always be maintained, is abundant room. Never crowd your birds into limited space. If so, continual fighting at roosting time always follows. Never disturb the birds more than is absolutely necessary by changing from one loft to another. This is the cause of frequent quarrels and much disfigurement. In transferring a show bird or two to new quarters, it is well to remove the usual occupants for a day or two, blocking up their favourite roosting quarters the meantime, returning them to their own perch late at night. This, too, is a wise plan when birds are away at shows, it prevents many a quarrel that would otherwise happen, and with birds of a natural quarrelsome disposition, therein lurks a great danger. Some may question why I lay such stress on this point. Simply because this continual squabbling destroys the bloom and beauty of the head points, and thus minimises the value of the bird as an exhibition specimen. So determined will these battles become sometimes, that permanent injury results, whilst oftentimes a bird is injured to such an extent as to spoil it for show for a long period. Old cocks with much wattle are best kept to themselves. If housed with younger birds, especially yearlings, impromptu battles with no time keeper is declared between heavyweights and lightweights, and finishes usually with a

need of much sponge, water, and boracic powder for the heavyweight.

In selecting a stud, great care is needed. The best are always cheapest, at least that is my experience. The difficulty naturally is to decide which are best for either show or stud. The most successful breeder is he who possesses the greatest powers of selection. This perhaps by some may be considered a natural aptitude, but to my mind the greatest governing factor is a combination of a love for the breed, the power of looking into the future, and great pertinacity. Observation is a splendid educator, and mental or otherwise you must jot down the results of every step you take as a breeder, to say nothing of remembering what your winning adults were like as first and second year birds. Possibly they were not even regarded as show birds, much less winners, no doubt due to the craze for bulk. By so doing you profit perhaps more by your failures than you are encouraged by success. Type, however, must be the first consideration; a short, thick-set pigeon, free from angularity. Insist on this, even if the specimens lack weight, i. e. are not stout. Attach more importance to the stoutness of such. The strength of the lower mandible influences me far more than the upper. I value hens greatly that carry the weight of such to the extreme tip, finish bluntly, and show no tendency in a downward direction. Down faced or long necked birds are in direct conflict with modern requirements, and should be avoided as much as possible. Depend upon your hens more for strength and structural properties, your cocks for colour, eye and quality. Naturally have abundant good properties in both birds if possible, but these are both difficult to obtain and expensive to boot. Select if available birds that pose well, stand well up on their legs, and demonstrate a proud swagger-like appearance. Don't however, confuse bad carriage with shyness, as many birds show badly when first placed in a show pen, correct carriage following greater familiarity with their prison-like surroundings. A crouching attitude, however, in a Dragoon is an abomination. The bird must pose, stand at attention, otherwise in my opinion he is a moderate specimen, lacking one of the chief characteristics of the breed. Avoid birds that are poor in colour; bad colour is a bad point for breeders short of experience to set right. Colour of eye should be carefully watched, as there is scarcely any other striking feature so fleeting as colour of eye. Somewhat influenced by climatic conditions and the health of the specimen, fascinating ruby eyes

will fade away to nothingness if the breeder does not pay great attention to the point. Observation forcibly impresses upon me that the maintenance of such is largely influenced by attention to strain, avoiding as far as possible breeding from old birds whose eye colour has considerably weakened. As I pointed out before, stamina largely influences the brightness of the eye, but the value of such from the breeding standpoint are those that have the least orange around the pupil, and it is astonishing how few are entirely free if closely scrutinized. Using younger birds in the breeding loft, say yearlings and two year olds, I find better quality ceres, and these of a darker shade are forthcoming. Not only that, the colour of eye is kept brighter for a longer period with a thin hard cere than it is with those thick flabby ceres that do so much to dishearten the young Dragoon enthusiast. A word in passing, remember that if you continually use birds the age mentioned, you will have either those hard guttery wattles or those with just a thumb-like impression that appear so hideous to the eyes of anyone favouring a well finished head piece.

At this juncture it is well to advise those who aspire to the exhibition pen as to the means best calculated to get their birds into show form. This must not be left until the last minute. A Dragoon should be kept fit, rather than made fit. To do this, however, persistent application is the best policy. Carefully look over your birds at least once a week. A lantern after dark in their roosting quarters is an excellent means. Adult birds should then have their ceres and wattles examined. In the cavities of both ceres and wattles, cheesy-like secretions will be hidden, and must be carefully removed with the finger nail. At the same time wattles should be worked with the thumb and forefinger into the desired peg-like shape, the bird being held in the left hand against the body, with the tip of the thumb on the top of the skull, keeping the wattle well forward in the meantime. By so doing, wattles that would be frightfully ugly can be greatly improved, whilst a good shaped one can be moulded almost to perfection. At the same time I know of no artificial method that can produce a correct wattle. These must be bred for, and then the thumb and finger persuasion is sufficient, except sometimes a superfluous growth may need nipping in the early stages with a pair of scissors. As an example the wattle which appears in the illustrations of the headpiece given this week of my silver chequer cock has been brought to its present state of perfection, and I give my word that on that bird I have never drawn blood. It is this cheesy matter, however, that causes so much trouble as regards sprouts in the ceres. Once these grow and are left unchecked, the worries and troubles of a Dragoon hobbyist commence. In the early stages these should be removed, but only by someone who has had previous knowledge or seen such work done by an expert. This some describe as faking, but if left alone it will effectually ruin any specimen, to say nothing of the suffering set up the inflammation, caused by the malformation of the cere. Jewing, the wattle on the edges of the lower mandible, too, should be removed. This, however, is only necessary in the older birds, and to any extent only with coarse birds that should

always be discouraged. The treatment is similar to that with sprouts, and can usually be done by the aid of bloodless surgery. If greater attention, however, was paid to type and quality by judges, especially those who officiate at the all round shows, paying less attention to bulk and stoutness of beak, breeders would produce birds of type and quality, and there would then be little need to remove the jewing. All should strive to this end, because such birds are a much greater pleasure to look after, whilst for the novice it is highly important.

Before a show, birds should always be penned and well trained. In damp weather this is more essential than when the climatic conditions are dry and bracing. Birds penned in a nice dry pen room after a spell of wet weather, will improve amazingly; it hardens up their ceres, tightens their feathers and brightens their eye, whilst the steadying influence will improve the bird amazingly from a show standpoint. Dragoons must be steady, so that the correct pose can be seen at a glance, steady, yet bold and defiant, and this you must train your birds to display. As is well known, a blunt end to the beak is desifable, something resembling in finish the shape of a tick bean, but not as pronounced quite. A small file is the best for this purpose. The top mandible should be filed first, and then the end of it reduced so that it exactly fits the lower mandible. The latter should not be touched in any way, if so imperfect fitting is usually noticeable. Some birds need little attention in this direction, whereas others grow very parrot-like, and what is worse, become almost malformed if continually fed from a hopper. Thus prepared, the bird is ready to fight its battle, and my only reason for giving these particulars is because it is often asserted that the novice does not know how to prepare a show bird. Everyone has to have a start, and in my early days I spent many hours at the best shows studying the winning birds, trying to solve the problem of how show form was obtained. My deductions were useful, and these added to whatever experience I have gained since, have clearly proved to me that scissors must of necessity be used with heavy wattled varieties to check malformations, the neglect of which creates abundant disease, not that this excuses any of us, for all the liberties we take. A beautiful Dragoon, however, is bred, not made, and those who give the prizes should only recognize birds of abundant merit and free from any traces of artificial preparation.

A word or two as to present-day requirements may not be out of place. Watch for youngsters that are first leaving the nest to avoid scalping. Remove them to a nursery; an inside place if the weather be bad is best, keeping such for youngsters about the same age, removing those that are making progress and becoming quarrelsome to quarters more suitable for birds of greater development. When the parent birds are due to hatch or the squabs show any inclination to support themselves, turn them out of the breeding quarters. They do better away, and should be fed on the same food as hitherto, with an abundance of grit within reach. Maple peas and tares, and these of the best quality, are my favourite feed during the breeding season, with a few tick beans substituting the tares when the birds are moulting, and during the winter time.

On no account coddle your birds, and those that are not cured quickly by some simple remedies, remember you are better without. Cleanliness, fresh air, and plenty of Epsom Salts will aid you in keeping a clean bill of health, whilst abundant information is obtainable from Dragoon hobbyists if they once realize that you are worthy of such assistance, and appreciate the principles of good fancier fellowship.

These notes apply generally to all colours, but yellows and reds must naturally be protected from the sun, covered in aviaries or shade of some kind being an absolute necessity to protect the colour.

That Buff Wyandotte Challenge.

Editor American Fancier:

About April 1st, I issued a challenge to all Buff Wyandotte breeders of America, and mailed a 1,000 copies of it to the different breeders of this variety. In it I said I would like to be one of the seven (7) or more breeders to donate \$25.00 each, in gold, to be given as a gold special for best three cocks, three hens, five cockerels, five pullets and three pens, at Madison Square Garden, January, 1907, and that I had in mind seven of the most widely known breeders, as follows:—Simon Beuth, R. W. Sturtevant, W. R. Wooden, Andrew Riddell, L. C. Piser, A. C. Hawkins, and W. T. Lord, and that if these seven breeders had enough sand, we could see the largest and best class of Buff Wyandottes ever shown, etc.

In the April 28th issue of the American Fancier, I see that Mr. J. E. Burt, of Athol, Mass., takes exception to part of what I had to say, and answers as follows:

"Evidently Mr. Lord does not consider me eligible to compete with other breeders, as my name is not included in his list. Perhaps if Mr. Lord had inserted in his challenge that the birds to compete must have been bred by the exhibitor (not bought or borrowed), it would have been easier to have found out who is breeding the best Buff Wyandottes. Perhaps Mr. Lord intended to cut out small breeders like myself, by requiring them to make such a large entry as he named," etc., etc.

Mr. Burt concluded by saying, "Come, Mr. Lord, modify your challenge, and let us all in and perhaps some of us small breeders would have the sand to put up."

Now, I admire Mr. Burt for coming right out boldly, and what he says is practically what I intended to insert in the challenge. Before going any further, I will state that the challenge is meant for every breeder of Buff Wyandottes, big or little. The reason that I named the seven breeders in particular was, that I did not want either one of them to find a hole to crawl through, and to those seven breeders let me say that if Mr. Burt has enough sand, why not you?

For the benefit of Mr. Burt, I will insert in the challenge that all birds to compete in this "scrap" must be bred by the exhibitor and not bought or borrowed. I will not, though, reduce the number of birds to compete—three cocks, three hens, five cockerels, five pullets and three pens—as anyone should be able to show up that number, and if anyone desiring to compete can't raise at least five cockerels and five pullets, fit to show, they have no business in the race. Furthermore, I will say that anyone

intending to enter this scrap, must deposit the \$25.00 in Mr. H. V. Crawford's hand on or before December 1, 1906.

I am satisfied that Mr. Burt has written in good faith, and will stand by what he says. Let me say that if anyone else has any replies to make, I would suggest that they confine themselves to the point, and make no bluffs.

W. T. LORD.

Troy, N. Y.

An Old Polish Breeder Speaks.

Editor American Fancier:

I notice in the last issue of your paper an article on Polish containing some things, I am very sorry to learn, as according to my experience they are incorrect, in so far as they concern White Crested Black Polish. I cannot say about the other varieties. I have known Polish since I was a small boy, when my father imported from Canada six pullets and a cockerel, about 1843 or 1844. I have been a breeder for quite a number of years, and have always regarded them as hardy fowls and good winter layers. Have never found it necessary to isolate them during the moult, and have never taken pains to keep them out of the wet, unless it was some time when I didn't want their crests to get dirty. I am acquainted with a number of other Polish breeders, and have never heard of their separating them during the moult. It is not customary in this country. They also consider them hardy and good winter layers. Now, Mr. Editor, I am sure you don't wish to publish anything detrimental to any particular breed of fowls; and don't you think the aforesaid article, by one who signs himself "A Breeder," is detrimental? I can not say but what his article may be correct for England, but it is not for this country, and must give a wrong impression to many not acquainted with the bird.

L. M. STANTON, M. D.

Wellsbridge, N. Y.

Another Buff Wyandotte Breeder Breeder Heard From.

Editor American Fancier:

In regard to Mr. Lord's challenge to the Buff Wyandotte breeders of America, I also wish to express the hope that Mr. Lord will modify his challenge so as to let us small breeders in. Would suggest that the contribution be \$10 each and the special be awarded to the best cock, hen, cockerel, pullet and pen. Now, I hope the Buff Wyandotte breeders will let the matter drop, and if Mr. Lord don't modify his challenge let the Secretary of the Club take it up and I am sure many of the small breeders will put up, and we will have the best class of Buff Wyandottes ever shown at Madison Square Garden.

WM. EDGAR.

So. Bethlehem, Pa., May 6, 1906.

Fowls must have exercise when confined. To provide this, scatter the grain food in the litter on the floor and force them to keep constantly at work scratching for it. This will insure a free circulation and perfect digestion. Early-hatched pullets make the earliest layers.

Bulky food is as necessary for fowls as animal.

When the chick becomes chiller dies. Thousands of chicks die annually from this cause.

Farm, Field and Garden

BY G. O. BROWN

If you think farming is the hardest kind of work, when you go to the city watch some of the porters in the big shipping houses. All day long they tug with heavy articles. At night they swelter in their hot, stuffy homes. There is no monotony in the farmer's life. He changes from one thing to another, and each has a refreshing nature attraction. At night he enjoys the pure air, often laden with the fragrant odors of new mown hay, the fruit tree blooms, the orchard fruits in fall, and from the lawn the incense of flowers.

Very little barbed-wire fence is now to be seen on the farms. It was a veritable barbarous affair, often seriously wounding live stock. The era of wire fences is at its height, and has, and will continue to be a great source of economy. Years ago fences were the most expensive part of some farms.

Some farms adopt a soiling system. The stock is kept confined in stables or yards and fed there. This does away with much fencing. There does not have to be fences between fields of different crops. The spaces that would be occupied with fences is therefore crop-producing. Saving fence expense and raising a crop on the space is indeed a good economic step.

If you have a roadside watering trough on the farm keep it clean. Whether you may consider it of little value to you personally should make no difference. Remember how your own team enjoys such a luxury as a trough sheltered by the friendly outspreading branches of an elm. The water comes rippling down along the old moss-covered V-shaped shoot, making a rythmical tinkle as it trickles into the trough. The day was hot, you uncheck the dust begrimed horses, and while they drink you take that old "bandana" and wipe your forehead, and enjoy the breeze that cools it. Some one will do the same at your farm watering trough.

The man who farms well, will do better than the one who aims to see how much land he can farm. Often the amount of manure or fertilizer used on twenty acres if used on ten would produce an equal yield of crops and of higher quality. This too with half the labor and seed.

What are you doing to protect the birds on the farm? Birds are valuable friends to the farmers. The few cherries and berries they destroy is more than counterbalanced by the myriads of destructive insects they kill.

It is always in order to overhaul farm machinery and make needed repairs in advance of the season in which they are to be used. This will often save vexatious delays when loss of time may be costly too.

Now is an opportune time to dig out the borers of the fruit trees. Remove the dirt for four inches or so around the trunk of the tree. Cut away some of the killed root bark

where the borer has been working. Next insert a small stiff wire in the runways and kill the pests, then throw back the dirt.

Don't forget that a mulch is beneficial around small fruits, especially those recently set out. Always loosen the soil before applying the mulch.

Aim to prevent weeds from going to seed. Destroy them whenever you can. A spade made of a chisel to cut off weeds below ground is an effective method. If there are certain patches in the garden where the weeds have "got away" with the crops, after a rain pull them up roots and all and throw them in the pig pen.

Apples cost more now in Baltimore than oranges. A large orange is sold for three cents and an apple of the same size is rare to find and brings five cents. Now is the time when the cold storage trust fiends are reaping a harvest.

There is a wonderful amount and superb quality of garden products now in Baltimore market, such as asparagus, peas, cauliflower, cabbage, tomatoes, potatoes and many other things from farther South. The local market gardeners are envious admirers. Their opportunity will come later, but alas, not at present prevailing prices.

Dandelions make excellent greens. Where the lawn is infested with them have greens every day for dinner. A table knife run in the ground an inch below the surface to cut off a dandelion is the best way to get rid of them.

Plenty of root crops in the garden mean later on good vegetable dinners. Don't complain of lack of variety on the home table if you neglect to make the garden a good supply store to draw from. Health and good nature often shake hands across the dining table that is well supplied with fruits and vegetables.

The cane fruits do better if they have a trellis or wire supports, or even a stake near the plant with arms to it. Lucretia Dewberry is very trailing in its habits and supports will be very satisfactory in saving the berries from dust and rotting on the ground.

After you are through making cuttings from the asparagus beds, give them a liberal coating with well-rotted barnyard manure. Keep the weeds pulled, don't give them more than a chance to get big enough to pull out.

Have a variety of herbs in the garden. They are useful for soups and various other things. The old-fashioned medicines made of wormwood and tansy never lose their interest or usefulness. Think of the lack of appropriateness of a garden with no mint growing at the season when "mint juleps" are ripe.

In these days of enlightenment, when communities are judged by their surroundings, the rural schoolhouse should no longer be made conspicuous by its unattractiveness. A little

united effort by the farmers in a section or district could soon make the schoolhouse surroundings attractive and more inviting. Cheerful surroundings are always desirable in developing the better side of human life.

The farmer's garden is a health resort. The vegetables aid digestion and act on the system in various ways. Nearly every well known vegetable has its especial elements of value to the human system. They are effective remedies for certain ailments, and may truly be considered the very highest class of pure foods. Vegetables fresh from the garden are always better than those that have been shipped to markets because they do not undergo the heating or sweating process that is caused by being packed, etc. Generally speaking, farmers do not devote as much attention to gardens as they should. The well known seed houses sell seeds of all improved vegetables. They make a business of raising the very best vegetables that skill, science and fertile soils with proper cultivation can produce. It is always a good investment to pay good prices for the best seeds that can be obtained. During the past three years field corn has been "bred up" to a high standard, resulting in a notable increase in bushels per acre. Seedsmen have for a good many years been engaging in improving all varieties of vegetables. Garden soil cannot be too rich to get the best results. The products produced by market gardeners should be an incentive to farmers. Good dinners are as dependable on good vegetables as dairy products or meats. A little study of the seed catalogues will enable the farmer or village gardener to select such seeds as can be planted, so to have a great variety in the garden. They can also plant the seeds of early crops so that the same ground later on can be occupied with a second crop of something else. The old time method of depending on the hoe for the entire cultivation of gardens is past. The planting should be done in straight rows the long way of the garden, so that cultivation can be done with horse power. The hoe should, however, be considered indispensable in the garden, as there are many vegetables that require careful earthing up, or loosening of the soil around, tender shoots. A coop of chicks in the garden with the hen kept confined in the coop, will help keep down insect pests and both garden and chicks will be benefited. In many villages there is a spirit of friendly rivalry. Such gardens are always worth inspection and their owners are naturally proud of them.

A West Virginia writer in an exchange says: I am greatly interested in gardening. I try to make every foot of space count. Therefore when I plant my sweet corn I put pole beans in every hill and squash in every fourth hill and every fourth row. The bean vines cling to the cornstalks and thus save sticking. As to the squash vines, they literally cover the field, and when I cut the corn in the fall some nice squashes present themselves to one's eye. These three crops can be cultivated as easily as the sweet corn alone. It may seem like close cropping, and so it is, but it is very satisfactory. I am not satisfied with one crop when I can get three off the same ground.

Grafting.

Every farmer should know how to graft, not political or insurance grafting, but tree grafting. Many farms contain apple trees of quite worthless varieties which could readily be top grafted with the kinds that sell in the markets at top prices. April is a good month to do grafting in the northern States. Grafting should be done before the leaves come out. The following instructions are given in an exchange for making grafting wax:

"Rosin, 4 parts (ounces or pounds), beeswax, 2 parts, and tallow, 1 part.

"Melt the ingredients in an iron vessel of some kind over a slow fire, mixing thoroughly and taking care not to burn. When well incorporated (in half an hour or so) pour convenient portions, from time to time, into cold water, and when sufficiently cooled (in a minute or less) take out and pull, like taffy, until it becomes light-colored, when it may be made into rolls three or four inches long and an inch in diameter, for convenience in using. A little tallow—as little as possible—will be necessary on the hands in these operations to prevent sticking.

"As the sticks are made they are to be placed in another vessel of cold water, to harden, after which they can be put away in the cellar or other cool place until wanted for use.

"If the weather is cold at the time grafting is done, the wax will need to lie in moderately warm water in order to work well, but if the weather is warm it may be necessary to keep it in cool water. The operator will soon learn to regulate this.

"Care in having all the ingredients pure and manipulating properly will be rewarded with the best kind of wax."

It is a good plan to melt some of this wax and dip strips of cotton cloth in it; then, when they are cold, wrap these around the union of the graft and scion. The strips will adhere closely and will support the graft better than the mere wax, which will, at times, soften in the sunshine on warm days and thus permit the grafts to loosen in the wind.

The Spring Primer.

Do you see the Man?

The Man has some things upon his Shoulders.

Yes, so I see. But what are They?

They are Garden Tools, my Son.

What is the Man Con-tem-plating?

That is a large word my Son, but I am glad you have Sur-round-ed it. The Man Con-tem-plates doing much Garden work.

Will he do it?

Yes, he will do much Garden work in a way.

In what way?

He will spend his Time from now until the Ground is Workable planning out his Garden.

The Man will Ev-i-dent-ly do a great deal of work.

Yes, my Son, but most of it will be in his Mind.

Most people who sell eggs as a business for setting, try to have them good. They must do that if they expect to continue in business. As a rule, therefore, when eggs fail to hatch, we should carefully investigate the conditions before blaming the man from whom we purchased them,

Shull's Saunterings

At Kingston, N. Y., I called on Mr. H. R. Brigham, who is a breeder of several varieties, and expects to have plenty of good stock in the fall, and also to increase his business by a large measure.

Mr. Judson Neice, of Washington avenue, also in Kingston, is a breeder of Rose Comb Black Minorcas and Buff Plymouth Rocks, and has some good ones.

I next called on Mr. George E. Standing, also of Kingston, Mr. Standing has about 800 young chicks, and I found them all looking well and strong.

In Albany, N. Y., I called on Mr. John Etling, of Delaware avenue, who breeds several varieties of poultry and who has some very fine ones. He has his plant in Slingerlands.

I also called on Mr. Young, who is conducting the seed and poultry supply business formerly conducted by the firm of Young & Halstead. They do a large business in these lines, both wholesale and retail, and have been in business for a number of years in the same place.

From Albany I went to Slingerlands. Here I called on Mr. C. A. Houck, of Orchard Ridge Farm. Mr. Houck made me welcome and showed me around his extremely well-constructed plant. He is breeding Single Comb White Leghorns and Rhode Island Reds.

I also called on Mr. Chester Long, a breeder of S. C. White Leghorns and Rose Comb Rhode Island Reds. Mr. Long has some very fine stock and is expecting to raise several hundred chicks this season.

At Round Lake I called on Mr. Chas. Johnson, a breeder of White Leghorns and Rose Comb Black Minorcas. Mr. Johnson has about 700 head of breeding stock and they are looking fine.

At Altamont, N. Y., I called at the yards of Mr. James Hellenbeck, the White Leghorn and White Wyandotte Specialist. Mr. Hellenbeck has some very fine birds, and, if we are any judge, will have something good this fall.

At Round Lake, we called on Mr. Chester Rulison, who has been a breeder for years, and who, at present, is breeding White Leghorns, Single Comb and Rose Comb Rhode Island Reds, and Silver Spangled Hamburgs. Mr. Rulison has some very nice stock in all these varieties.

At Cambridge, the first one whom I called on was Mr. Ralph Nicholson. Mr. Nicholson is a breeder of White Rocks and breeds some very fine ones.

I next started out to see Mr. C. M. Battie, who used to be a large breeder of standard-bred poultry. While going along the street, I was hailed by

a large, good-looking man whom I found to be just the man I was looking for. Mr. Battie had some good words for the Fancier and for "Drev."

At Granville, N. Y., I called on Mr. S. H. Howland, who is a breeder of Buff Wyandottes and Rose Comb Black Minorcas. Mr. Howland has some very nice birds and has won quite a few prizes in hot competition.

Mr. E. C. Hewitt, breeder of Buff Plymouth Rocks, was next on my list. He has several nice pens of the above variety.

Arriving at Salem, N. Y., the first breeder I called on was Mr. E. W. Philo, manager of the Cycle Hatcher Company. Mr. Philo, I found to be a genuine chicken enthusiast. At present Mr. Philo has forty of his Hatchers running, and a more healthy looking lot of chicks, I have never seen together. He has chicks six weeks old that will tip the scales at two pounds. All his hatching and brooding is done by Cycle Hatchers and Brooders.

At Cobleskill, N. Y., I called at Mr. VanDresser's farm, and must say that it can not easily be beaten. They have a large main house and about ninety colony houses of their own original idea that come as near being perfect as any we have ever seen.

I also called on Mr. Allen Blodgett who breeds a large number of varieties of poultry and pigeons. Mr. Blodgett can always be trusted to bring something slick out, and is sure to be in it when the blue ribbon is passed around.

I then called on Mr. J. W. Calkins, a friend of The American Fancier and of "Drev." He is a breeder of the grand old Langshan, and expects to import quite a few this fall.

While waiting for the train, I met Mr. A. H. Saxton, a Pit Game breeder, who is breeding several strains of fighting blood.

At Livingston, N. Y., I called on Mr. Frank C. Hamm. Mr. Hamm's poultry plant is splendidly located. He is breeding Barred Plymouth Rocks and showed me some very fine pens of birds.

From here we went to Mr. Jonas Haynor's place. We found him out with the chickens. He had about 250 chicks—Barred Rocks and White Orpingtons—all looking well.

At Hudson, N. Y., I called on Mr. McKittrick, who is a breeder of Rose Comb Black Minorcas. He has shown at quite a number of good shows and has won his share of the ribbons.

At Philmont, N. Y., I called on Mr. John H. Brennan, Treasurer of the Philmont Pigeon, Poultry and Pet Stock Club. Mr. Brennan is at present breeding Partridge Wyandottes and is quite an enthusiast.

Only a short distance from Mr. Brennan's yards, is the poultry plant owned by Mr. P. Canavan, Barred Rock Breeder. Mr. Canavan can show some cracking good ones and no mistake.

At Chatham, N. Y., I called on Mr. W. A. Dardess. Mr. Dardess and Mr. George McClellan of the same place are breeding several varieties and have a very fine stock.

I found Mr. Percy M. Callender, a breeder of White Plymouth Rocks, also at home, and a very pleasant person to meet.

I also called on Mr. W. P. Pratt, who has some very nice Buff Wyandottes.

At Rifton, N. Y., I called at Woodcrest Farm, and here I found one of the most ideal places for a summer residence one could wish. I also found strictly first-class White Wyandottes, Barred Plymouth Rocks and Light Brahmas, among which was one of the best White Wyandotte cockerels I have yet seen.

At Shushan, I called on Mr. C. L. Piser, the well known Buff Wyandotte breeder. Mr. Piser has at present about 125 head of breeding stock, and they are looking fine.

I started out from Piser's and called on Mr. Andy Riddell, another Buff Wyandotte breeder. I found Andy, smiling as a rose, and he reports everything on the jump in the Buff Rock alley.

From Mr. Riddell's I called at the home of Mr. Andrew Collins, who is a breeder of Rose Comb Black Minorcas.

JOSEPH L. SHULL.

Linseed meal makes an excellent food for poultry if properly given. A pound of linseed meal, mixed in the mash, and fed to fifty hens twice a week, will promote the egg production and health of the fowls. It should not be fed more frequently than this.

There are many places on a farm, worthless for cultivation, that could be utilized with splendid results for a goose pasture. In locating a place for geese, have it near water—an unused spring or branch will be a paradise for the birds.

Poultry should not be packed until thoroughly cooled. Pack in boxes with plenty of straw between each layer. Pack the box full and put plenty of straw on top to prevent disarrangement during transportation. It is a good plan to wrap each fowl in brown or white paper before packing.

The poultry yard is now a busy place. The musical chirp of the chick makes a pleasant melody for the fancier to hear.

May is a good month for hatching the smaller breeds, but not so well for Asiatics.

Keep up the battle against lice, as this army of pests increases daily, and nothing but continual "battling" will keep them down.

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NEW YORK MARKET REPORT.

EGGS—Receipts for the week, 163,610 cases.

Nearby, f g selected white, fancy.....	@	20
Good to choice.....	19	@ 19 1/2
Fancy mixed choice.....	@	19
First to extra seconds.....	17 1/2	@ 18 1/2
Western, f. g., extra firsts, storage packed.....	@	18 1/2
Fresh gathered extra firsts.....	@	18
Firsts.....	@	17 1/2
Seconds.....	16 1/2	@ 17
Thirds.....	15	@ 16
Kentucky firsts.....	@	16 1/2
Seconds.....	15 1/2	@ 16 1/2
Tenn. and other Southern, firsts.....	@	14 1/2
Southern seconds.....	14 1/2	@ 15 1/2
Thirds.....	11	@ 13
Western dirties, No. 1....	14	@ 14 1/2
No. 2.....	12 1/2	@ 13
Checked eggs.....	10	@ 12 1/2

DRESSED POULTRY—Receipts for the week, 10,772 packages.

Turkeys, average lots....	14	@	16
Old toms, selected (culls out).....	15	@	
Poor to medium.....	13	@	
Chickens, broilers—4 lbs per pair and under—			
Philadelphia, dry-picked, fancy.....	33	@	35
Dry-picked, average run	25	@	30
N P & Pa, dry-picked, fancy.....	@		30
Dry-picked, average run	20	@	25

Fowls—			
Philadelphia, dry-picked		@	13 1/2
fancy.....		@	13
Dry-picked, average run		@	13
Western, dry-picked, selected barrels.....		@	13
Dry-picked, average run		@	12 1/2
Scalded, selected bbls....		@	13
Scalded, average run....		@	12 1/2

Other Poultry—			
Old cocks, dry-picked....	@		10
Scalded.....	@		10
Ducklings, L. I. and Eastern.....	@		17
Other nearby.....	15	@	16
Squabs, prime white—			
8 lbs to doz, per doz.....	@	3	50
7 lbs to doz, per doz.....	@	2	50
6@6 1/4 lbs to doz, per doz.1	75	@	2 00
Mixed, per doz.....	@	1	50
Dark, per doz.....	1	@	1 50
Culls, per doz.....	50	@	75

FROZEN POULTRY.			
Turkeys, hen, No. 1....	@		20
Toms, No. 1.....	19	@	19 1/2
No. 2.....	14	@	16
Old toms, No. 1.....	18	@	18 1/2
Capons, Western.....	19	@	20
Under 8 lbs each.....	16	@	17

Broilers, milk-fed, dry-picked, 4 lbs and under to pair.....	21	@	22
Dry-picked, 4 lbs and under to pair, No. 1....	18	@	19
Scalded, 4 lbs and under to pair, No. 1.....	16	@	17
No. 2.....	13	@	14
Roasting chickens, milk-fed, dry-picked, fancy.....	16	@	17
Soft meat, fancy.....	15	@	16
Average, No. 1.....	12	@	14
Fowls, No. 1.....	@		13
No. 2.....	8	@	10
Chickens, No. 2.....	8	@	10
Ducks, No. 1.....	14	@	15
No. 2.....	12	@	13
Geese, No. 1.....	12	@	13
No. 2.....	8	@	10

LIVE POULTRY—Receipts for the week, forty-eight cars.			
Broilers, per lb.....	23	@	32
Fowls, per lb.....	@		14
Roosters, young.....	@		12
Roosters, old, per lb.....	@		8 1/2
Turkeys, per lb.....	@		12
Ducks, western, average, per pair.....	75	@	85
Southern, per pair.....	60	@	70
Geese, Western, per pair.1	25	@	1 50
Southern & Southwest-ern, pair.....	90	@	1
Live pigeons, per pair.....	30	@	

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Ornamental Bantams

By L. W. Pinckney, Auburn, N. Y.

Not many years ago the Bantam breeder was considered a crank and not to be considered among the list of poultrymen as of any consequence. Things have changed, however, and where Bantams were formerly bred almost entirely as pets or for exhibition, they are now being bred for utility the same as the larger breeds and the Bantam breeder of to-day is on an equal footing with the breeders of the larger varieties.

A great many people may ask "in what way are Bantams bred for utility?" And I would answer as follows:

First—To the city man who likes fresh eggs and a broiler once in a while for his breakfast and who has not the room for a large variety, the Bantam is his standby as he can keep a large flock in a very small space and they stand confinement well. They are good layers, and is there anything nicer than a young Bantam as a broiler.

Second—To the man who has bred chickens all his life on a farm and retires to the city to live and wishes a few fowls to keep more as company and to have something to take his time, these little beauties are just what he wants on his limited space.

Third—To the breeders of pheasants, who wishes a fowl to hatch and raise his pheasants, there is nothing that can equal the Bantam, as they are excellent setters and make the best of mothers, and are so light they do not break the eggs or kill the young by walking on them.

Fourth—To the exhibitor who shows at five fairs and carries a large string of birds and makes his money on the prizes he wins, the Bantam is one of his main varieties, as on account of their size they are more convenient to carry from one show to another than the larger kinds.

Fifth—To the rich man who wishes a suitable pet for his children, so as to afford them pleasure and keep them out of mischief they are just the proper thing.

Sixth—And last, the man who admires beautiful things breeds them simply that he may have them to look at, the same as others breed Cavies, Fancy Pigeons, Chinese Rats, Rabbits, and other varieties of animals.

When a person starts in the Bantam business he or she should think just what he wants a Bantam to do and get the kind that comes the nearest to filling his wants and then stick to that variety.

If he wants a non-setter I think the Sebright would be his first choice, of which there are two kinds, namely, Golden and Silver, and both are very beautiful specimens of the Bantam class. If he should want a setter, the Cochins, I think, conceded by all Bantam breeders as the best setter and covers the most eggs.

the Cochins Bantams there are varieties, namely, Buff, White,

Black, Partridge and Cocoo. Of these I prefer the Black for a beginner as they breed true to color, and owing to their color do not show dirt. The Buffs, although very pretty and decidedly popular, are harder to breed to color, and the same can be said of the Partridge and Cocoo. The Whites are hard to keep looking clean, especially on a city lot.

There are a good many other varieties of Ornamental Bantams that are excellent, but space and time forbids my speaking of them at present, in fact, if you admire some one variety of large fowl and would like a Bantam of the same kind you can find almost always a Bantam that is an exact duplicate of the large variety in everything except size.

To those who are already Bantam breeders and are of the lukewarm kind, I would say, wake up, join some Bantam Association, if convenient offer some special prize on them at some poultry show, and talk Bantam all the time and help push the variety you admire. Be honest with all your dealings with the beginner and set a good example for him to follow.

Help the good cause along is a good motto for all Bantam breeders to follow.

International Bantam Breeders Club.

The International Bantam Breeders Club seems to have less of the approval of "Uncle Dudley" than I wish it did. In regard to the Club and Eastern Bantam breeders I want to write a few words, not in a controversial way, but by way of explanation.

I am responsible for the letters in "several languages" inviting Eastern breeders to join the Club. Those letters brought members, so that the International is now almost, if not quite, as strong in the East as in the West. Among the Eastern members are some of the leading Bantam breeders and a number of the breeders who win regularly at Madison Square, where the National Bantam Club holds its annual meeting.

Now, to hold a club show is only one-half of the work of the International. We are striving to promote an interest in Bantam raising all over the country, and in order to do this we have just issued a neat little catalogue, and offer cups in the various States as well as at the Club show. If I am not mistaken, the National Bantam Association confines its work to bringing out a large display at Madison Square. No wonder then that the National, by devoting itself to the one object, can get out a large display at their Club show. But, since the International undertakes much more, it should not be even mildly criticised for not getting out such a large display at Chicago. We hope that our finances and influence will be such, however, that we may do

more than ever to make the Chicago Show a Bantam center. I might say in this connection that I have the kindest feelings for the National Club, and prize my membership in it very highly.

What we want is for all breeders of Bantams in the East and West, in Canada, in short, everywhere, to join the International and help in popularizing the Bantam fowl. We have a good start, as the roll of membership in our catalogue will show, and by adding more members to the club we can do still more. We want every Bantam breeder to send for the club catalogue and see what we are doing.

FRANK W. RADFORD,
Secretary.

Oshkosh, Wis.

HER PEDIGREE.

"Now who is that?" asked the dignified hen;
"That chicken in white and gray?"
"She's very well dressed, but from whence did she come?"
"And her family, who are they?"
"She never can move in our set, my dear,"
Said the old hen's friend to her, later;
"I've just found out—you'll be shocked to hear—
"She was hatched in an incubator!"

Hens are early risers and should be fed as soon as they come off the roost. A good plan is to have a scratching pile arranged with a few handfuls of wheat or shorts scattered over it for the hens to scratch for. Start a hen at her work early in the morning and she will invariably lay before sundown.

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DATES CLAIMED.

Under this heading there will appear each week a list of all the shows claiming dates for the coming season. Secretaries of poultry, pigeon and pet stock exhibitions will confer a favor by sending in the dates selected as promptly as possible. It is not only a convenience and guide to secretaries of shows that have not selected their dates, but of great interest to readers of The American Fancier, a majority of whom are exhibitors.

The name of secretary and judges will be appreciated when sending in notices.

Aug. 21-24—Cortlandt, N. Y. Cortlandt County Agricultural Society, W. J. Greenman, Secretary.

Sept. 3-6, Taunton, Mass., E. P. Washburne, Pigeon Judge and President.

Sept. 11-13, Mercer, Pa. Mercer County Fair and Poultry Show. T. E. Orr, Judge; John P. Orr, Secretary.

Sept. 17-22, North Yakima, Wash. State Fair, G. A. Graham, Secretary; Harry H. Collier, Superintendent Poultry.

Sept. 24-29, Spokane, Wash. Inter-State Fair, Robt. H. Cosgrove, Secretary.

October 2-5, Chatham, N. Y. Columbia County Agricultural Society, W. A. Dardess, Secretary.

Nov. 12-17—Houston, Tex., Howey S. Fox, Jr., Secretary.

Nov. 12-17, San Jose, Cal. Santa Clara Valley Poultry and Pet Stock Association, E. Van Every, Secretary, Edenvale, Cal.

Nov. 21-23, West Haven, Conn. D. A. Nichols, D. J. Lambert, W. R. Graves, Judges; E. J. Crawford, Secretary.

Nov. 22-24, Englewood, N. J., N. R. Pendergast, Secretary.

Nov. 27-Dec. 1, York, Pa. C. T. Cornman, William G. Minich, Judges; J. N. Lovett, Secretary.

Dec. 3-9, San Francisco, Cal. California Poultry Association, J. C. Williams, Secretary, Fruitvale, Cal.

Dec. 4, Youngstown, Ohio, T. E. Orr, Judge; W. H. Crossler, Secretary.

Dec. 4-7, Holyoke, Mass., George Barnett, Jr., Secretary.

Dec. 4-7, Philmont, N. Y. D. A. Nichols, Judge; G. J. Anderson, Secretary.

Dec. 4-8, Paterson, N. J., J. Frost, Secretary.

Dec. 4-8—Youngstown, O., H. J. Crossler, Secretary.

Dec. 4-8—Wilkes Barre, Pa., David T. Miller, Secretary.

Dec. 4-8—Providence, R. I., Rhode Island Poultry Association, W. I. Brown, Secretary, 6 Exchange Place.

Dec. 5-8, Grand Rapids, Wis. Grand Rapids Poultry Association; B. G. Eggert, Secretary; Frank Heck, Judge.

Dec. 5-8, Paterson, N. J. Paterson Poultry, Pigeon and Pet Stock Association; Charles Frost, Secretary.

Dec. 5-8, Danbury, Conn. Western Connecticut Poultry Association, Charles H. Brundage, Secretary; Judges, J. H. Drevenstedt, T. F. McGrew, Hon. David Nichols and W. H. Card.

Dec. 5-8, Ellensburg, Wash., Harry H. Collier, Judge; Mrs. S. F. Montgomery, Secretary.

Dec. 6-9—Danbury, Conn., C. H. Brundage, Secretary.

Dec. 11, Warren, Ohio, T. E. Orr, Judge; Wm. G. Baldwin, Secretary.

Dec. 11-14, Lewistown, Mo. Lewistown Poultry Association; A. O. Brooking, Secretary, La Belle, Mo.; Frank Heck, Judge.

Dec. 11-14, Winsted, Conn. F. D. Hallet, Secretary.

Dec. 11-16, Tacoma, Wash., Henry Berar and Harry H. Collier, Judges; Mrs. C. A. Pratt, Secretary.

Dec. 12-14—Kingston, N. Y., F. E. Miller, Secretary, Rifton, N. Y.

Dec. 12-15—Corsicana, Tex., W. E. Elliott, Secretary, Box 281.

Dec. 12-15, Fresno, Cal. Fresno Poultry, Pigeon and Pet Stock Association, George R. Andrews, Secretary.

Dec. 12-15, Stoughton, Wis. Stoughton Poultry Association; Sylvanus Ames, Secretary; Frank Heck, Judge.

Dec. 12-15, St. Mary's, Ohio. Wick Hathaway, Judge; F. F. Aschbacher, Secretary.

Dec. 17-22, North Yakima, Wash., W. C. Denny, Judge; S. H. Schreiner, Secretary.

Dec. 18, McConellsville, Ohio, T. E. Orr, Judge; G. M. Foster, Secretary.

Dec. 18-21, Geneva, Ohio. R. H. Munger, Secretary.

Dec. 19-22, Holland, Mich. Holland Poultry and Pet Stock Association; L. S. Sprietsma, Secretary; Frank Heck, Judge.

Dec. 19-22, Mohnsville, Pa. Wyomissing Poultry Association; George W. Hatt, Secretary, Mohn's Store, Pa.; Charles T. Cornman, Judge.

Dec. 20-22, Wenatchee, Wash., Harry H. Collier, Judge; John N. Johnson, Secretary.

Dec. 26, Shelby, Ohio, T. E. Orr, Judge; W. O. Smith, Secretary.

Jan. 1, Leipsic, Ohio, T. E. Orr, Judge; H. S. Enck, Secretary.

Jan. 2-5, South Bend, Wash., Harry H. Collier, Judge; F. M. Heath, Secretary.

Jan. 4, Goshen, Ind., T. E. Orr, Judge; Will H. Schadt, Secretary.

Jan. 7, Auburn, N. Y., T. E. Orr, Judge; J. H. Scott, Secretary.

Jan. 7-11, Aurora, Ill. Aurora Poultry Association; Walter M. Smith, Secretary; Frank Heck, Judge.

Jan. 7-12, Auburn, N. Y. Annual meeting of American Poultry Association with Auburn Fanciers' Association. J. H. Scott, Secretary.

Jan. 8-10, Lenox, Mass. Honest "Dave" and Shaylor, Judges; L. H. Peters, Secretary.

Jan. 8-11, Middletown, Conn. Graves and Bunnell, Judges; Arthur L. Clark, Secretary.

Jan. 8-13, Seattle, Wash., George D. Holden, Judge; N. Anderson, Secretary.

Jan. 9-12, Alameda, Cal. Alameda County Poultry Association, C. G. Hinds, Secretary.

Jan. 9-12, Tiffin, Ohio. Chas. McClave, Judge; V. Crabtree, Secretary.

Jan. 9-13, Chilton, Wis. Chilton Poultry and Pet Stock Association; A. Stransky, Secretary; Frank Heck, Judge.

Jan. 15-19, 1907—Kansas City, Mo., P. H. DePree, Secretary.

Jan. 15-19—Angola, Ind., Tri-State P. and P. S. Association, W. K. Sheffer, Secretary.

January 15-19, Scranton, Pa., A. W. Close, Secretary.

Jan. 16-20, Charlotte, N. C. Charlotte Poultry Association; W. B. Alexander, Secretary.

Jan. 16-22, Portland, Oregon, Elmer Dixon, Judge; F. Fenwick and E. Carlisle, Secretaries.

Jan. 17, Milwaukee, Wis., T. E. Orr, Judge; C. G. Loeber, Secretary.

Jan. 21-26, Walla Walla, Wash., Elmer Dixon, Judge; J. M. Davis, Secretary.

Jan. 22, Fort Wayne, Ind., T. E. Orr, Judge; P. C. Hiller, Secretary.

Jan. 28-Feb. 2, Cleveland, Ohio. Cleveland Fancier's Club Co.; F. L. Gruchl, Secretary; 1922 Woodland Ave.

Jan. 29, Washington, Pa., T. E. Orr, Judge; Dr. Geo. M. Boone, Secretary.

Jan. 30-Feb. 2—St. Albans, Vt., C. O. Barrett, Secretary.

Feb. 3, Cleveland, Ohio, T. E. Orr, Judge; F. L. Gouehl, Secretary.

Feb. 5-9, Hudson, Mich. Southern Michigan Poultry Association; Ed. R. West, Secretary; Frank Heck, Judge.



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Mr. L. P. Clark, Superintendent of Rosemary Farm, Huntington, L. I., writes that he has purchased the entire stock of H. B. Swarner's White Indian Games. Mr. Swarner for a number of years bred and exhibited a fine strain of the latter, and Mr. Clark did well to add them to his own grand collection.

Ferdinand Bulldog Zimmer, the retired adjudicator of fowls, writes from his Gloversville, N. Y. bungalow, as follows: "The imported birds came a week ago on the Victorian. A grand lot and every bird in the pink of condition and laying. If I don't raise some Red Pyles, and more particularly Black Red Bantams, this year, then ask me." Fred Y. Parfrey, of Richland Center, Wis., has all the Silver and a part of the Golden Sebrights of this importation and expects to raise some of the same sort; he also had two old British bulldogs come over with them. It seems as if the famous Bantam and Beagle fancier has caught the Bulldog fever in a most violent form. For several years past, the master of Debonair has been quietly at work gathering up a stud of these popular canines and promises to make some fast running for other fanciers of the latter in the near future. The three "B's" Beagles, Bulldogs and Bantams, will keep "Shorty Z." a very busy man from

now on. "Zim" is through with judging chickens for good and always.

This reminds us that Senator A. F. Peirce, of Winchester, N. H., will also retire from the field as a poultry judge, officiating at only a few leading shows next season. Mr. Peirce's cattle business has become so important and takes up so much of his time that he feels compelled to forego the pleasure and work of the chicken gatherings. We are sorry to lose "Alec" Peirce as a judge, for there is no more conscientious or better one, but hope he will find it possible to meet once a year with the "old guard," of which he was a loyal and honored member.

"Big Theo." Hewes, editor of the Inland Poultry Journal, has gone daft on Columbian Wyandottes. The tall Sycamore of Missouri has a fine poultry plant at Indianapolis, Ind., which he calls Oak Hill Poultry Yards, and he also has a fine boy that knows how to handle and raise chickens. Judge Hewes informs us that he has the best lot of Columbian Wyandottes on the earthly pellet. To judge by the illustrations in his very neat circular, he must have some blue ribbon chasers that will make a mark at the New York and Boston Shows. Bring a good string East next winter, for there will be lively doings in the Columbian Wyandotte aisles, and please don't forget it, Theodore. You and your birds will be well treated when you come.

Describing a bird or birds, giving it or their winnings to a prospective buyer, then closing the deal at a good figure, is supposed to be a transaction that involves nothing but the performance of a duty on the part of the seller in delivering the goods so described. The purchaser must depend on the honesty of the man he buys of. As a rule there is seldom any cause for

complaint in such matters, the majority of fanciers being honorable men who value their reputations more than the money that they might obtain by tricky or fraudulent means. That occasionally an unsuspecting customer is flim-flammed by one of the slick gentry that creep into the chicken fancy, we regret to say, is a fact, and several such cases have recently come to light. Were it not for the good sportsmanship and a desire not to court notoriety, on the part of the victims, some of these shady deals would have been exposed in print. A few years ago some of the specialty clubs did good work in firing out some of their crooked members, but there is too much of Boss Tweed's famous "What are you going to do about it?" spirit hovering around the chicken clubs at present.

The "Best in the World" and "Never Beaten in the Show Room" are two favorite catch-lines in the flaming advertisements of some of the big guns who are in the business for revenue only. The majority of the readers of The American Fancier are not often fooled by such displays of printer's ink. This paper publishes the awards at all shows, which gives its subscribers the true winnings, not only of its advertisers, but of all exhibitors, consequently no amount of tricky and cunning wording of "ads" is likely to mislead them. But thousands of others are fooled, especially the beginners, who have not studied the show game and have failed to follow up the awards at the leading exhibitions. Madison Square Garden and World's Fair winners are as numerous as flies in Aug. What they really did win the foxy advertiser is often as silent as the proverbial clam and sayeth nothing. Sometimes he has nerve enough to say that they won the leading honors, but having four or five varieties, he wisely forgets to state which one won all the blues and specials. It is a fruitful game however and the ever willing sucker takes the bait as ravenously as a hungry tramp will devour an exceptionally good meal.

There is however another class of fanciers that keep on the straight and narrow path and advertise their winnings for what they are worth and refuse to lose their self respect, as well as the respect of their customers, by deliberate prevarication of facts. We picked up a little circular the other day which is a refreshing bit of reading, after wading through the pages of some of the catalogues issued by the "world beaters." The publisher of the above mentioned circular is a well known and successful fancier and breeder of one variety of fowl. We find such paragraphs as, "The ——— strain of ——— has been bred by me for six years and I have a line that is better than many who make greater claims. When you buy of me, you buy birds, not reputation. Which had you rather get when you buy?" And also the following: "It is a great fad nowadays to advertise 'the best in the world.' I do not do it, and it stands to reason that anyone who makes such a claim is rather overdoing it. No man has the best in the world. Such a claim is too much of a good thing. I do not claim to have the 'best in the world,' but do claim to have good ones. Good honest stock and good honest value for the

money is better for those who buy than the claim 'the best in the world.'" Then follows a list of winnings and a number of testimonials and the little eight page folder is complete. It is convincing and secures the trade of the intelligent and thinking fancier. It breathes conviction by its absence of brag and misrepresentation. We are acquainted with the breeder and fancier who sends it out, and know his birds thoroughly. Both are "all to the good," to use a popular phrase.

Pigeons and Poultry, England, is responsible for the following:

"A writer says there is nothing remarkable in a double or even a triple-yolked egg. It is caused by the non-provision of limestone grit. Hens, he says, can't help laying these if their owners won't feed them properly. The explanation is simple:—The ovum, or yolk of an egg, when mature, is received into the oviduct—a tube about two feet long in all domesticated fowl—and in its descent is clothed successively with layers of albumen (white), the lining membrane of the shell, and, finally, on arriving at the calcifying portion of the oviduct, is enveloped in the shell. In the ordinary course of events the mature egg is expelled, but in the case of a double-yolked one the reverse action of the oviduct occurs. In the place of being expelled, the egg is carried back to the upper portion of the oviduct, where it meets with another mature ovum, and the two descend together, both being surrounded with a second investing series of albumen, membrane, and shell. The triple-yolked egg is produced in precisely the same manner, but it is a much rarer occurrence."

This is usually the accepted explanation or theory regarding abnormal eggs. Years ago the "great and only" Patrick Henry Jacobs, editor of the lively and original Poultry Keeper, had much to say about such matters as double-yolked eggs and oyster shell and lime stone grit. His theories were not accepted by all and some were found to be based on a wrong diagnosis. But Jacobs fought bravely on and we are of the opinion that he still thinks he is right, especially as to oyster shells. We believe that Prof. Wheeler, of the New York Experiment Station, proved the value of oyster shells as a maker of neat jackets for fresh eggs. We certainly found that oyster shells improved the appearance of the egg shell the hens laid, especially where brown eggs were the chief product. They put that bloom on, so tempting and desirable to look at in a really fresh egg. But we have never believed that oyster shells or limestone grit had anything whatever to do with double or triple-yolked eggs, i. e., as a preventative of such. We have quite a goodly number of White Leghorns laying on the farm and had but one double-yolked or abnormal egg laid this season by a hen. The latter had all the oyster shells and grit she desired. A number of double-yolked eggs were laid by hens and ducks, but all were supplied with shells and grit. In all cases except that of the Leghorn, the birds were too fat and this we believe is the principal cause of the hen fruit monstrosities we hear and read about so much this time of the year.

Speaking of hens, reminds us of a practice that is not to be encouraged, viz: The showing of crack hens at a number of exhibitions, and especially, prolonging the circuit too late in the season. Asiatic and American varieties suffer most by such tactics and get too fat while being kept in high show condition. This renders them useless as breeders for we come. It is of course a great temptation to win all the big prizes at a

number of shows with a rare and exceptional bird, but the price paid is often a big one. More than one good breeder has been ruined and the coveted chickens from a famous prize-winning hen never materialize. The late lamented John Glasgow did not believe in taking one string of birds around a big circuit and seldom sent the same team of birds to a show that had won at a previous one. He had more than one string to his bow. The veteran, Philander Williams, years ago, freely expressed his opinion regarding late shows and told us that many of his best Light Brahma females that had been at the shows required weeks to get them back into breeding condition. We have had similar experience with Wyandottes and believe there are thousands of parallel cases. It is usually the very best birds that suffer, the ones we are most anxious to breed from. Where the climate is not too severe and hens can be turned out to pasture early and a bran and ground oats grain diet given, the chances for getting birds down to breeding condition in a short time are of course very favorable. But in colder climates where most of the birds are compelled to be indoors after the late shows, for several months, the chances are not so good and only the most strenuous and vigilant efforts of the poultryman to make these pampered birds scratch and work for a living will bring them in line for the production of fertile eggs.

More barley should be fed to poultry. There is no better grain food, whether fed whole or ground, for the feathered bipeds. It is cheaper to feed than oats, and, as a rule, is superior as a whole grain, to the latter. Some of the oats fed to hens is very questionable and unprofitable "grub." Examine the oats and the barley and see which looks the most inviting and then try both on the hens. The latter usually know a good thing when once they are thoroughly acquainted with it. We noticed that some hens we had last season had a decided fondness for barley. The French poultry raisers feed much barley to chickens and it is a well known fact that the poultry of France is a very superior article on the table. Even the hog growers are awakening and find barley a most valuable food for hogs, and some claim it is the very best. In Denmark, barley is looked upon as the best feed for good bacon. The grain is well cooked and fed with roots and an occasional ration of uncooked barley is given them to sharpen the appetite. Owing to the fact that barley is cheaper than oats, some millers substitute it for the latter in the ground horse and cow feed, and the results obtained are about the same as far as horses are concerned, and superior often in cattle and poultry feeding.

The Ancona fowl is booming in England, the excellent qualities of this fine business bird being now thoroughly appreciated. We should like to see larger classes of Anconas at our big shows in the East. The Ancona Club is doing good work, especially in the West, but it is up to the secretaries of our shows to throw out some inducements to breeders of this variety so as to get a big entry. The Ancona is an old breed and can trace back a few decades further than

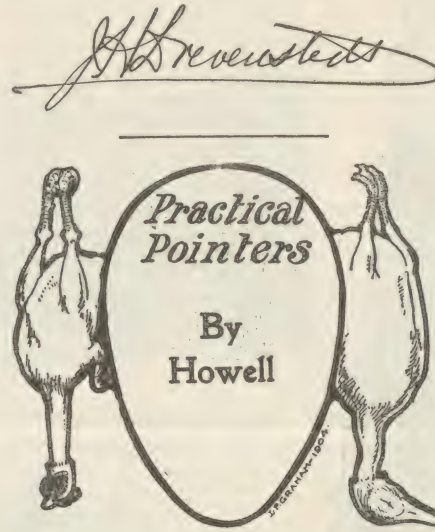
some of our popular new varieties in the American and Mediterranean classes.

It has been patent to all, that care to observe show matters closely, that at one of our big Eastern shows, Madison Square Garden, New York, too much space is devoted to a favored few in the feathered aristocracy, and not enough to the rank and file, containing so many useful and handsome varieties, that interest visitors and fanciers alike. The show has become top heavy in Barred Plymouth Rocks, White Wyandottes, and a few other well-boomed varieties. The Barred Rocks and White Wyandottes at New York make up more in numbers than all the birds found at an average poultry show. They occupy the finest parts of the big Garden, crowding many of the other varieties off the ground floor up into the galleries, where they are doubled-tiered and out of the way, and often unseen. The enormous entries at Madison Square compelled the management to take this means of coping, but it has proved very unsatisfactory to the exhibitors of less favored varieties, and many are of the opinion that restrictions should be placed on the number of birds an exhibitor enters in each class, similar to what was in vogue at the Pan American, at Buffalo. When exhibitors can enter fifty or more Barred Rocks, it makes pretty hard sledding for the fellows that have varieties in the tail end of the classification. They are doing the underdog stunt, but with ill grace. They feel as if they have the same rights as the big fellows with the big entries in the purple alley. And why shouldn't they?

In order to remedy this Rock and Dot avalanche of entries it is proposed to exact an entry fee of three simoleans a bird on all large varieties, Bantam entry fee to remain the same, i. e., two dollars a bird. But will this produce the desired result? We think not. The big fellow with the commercial eye will keep on filling up the cages with their Rocks and Dots. They will go well prepared and make a big showing. The Garden is a very good place to sell birds and the large exhibitors are well aware of it. No man sold more birds or received more free advertising than the late William Cook, when he had that big bunch of English Orpingtons on exhibition in his own coops at the Garden some few years ago. Mr. Cook was a rare and shrewd business man and the old Madison Square Garden was just the place for him to dispose of his wares, in which he was kindly assisted by a generous management. While the artistic effect of the shipping coops was not over pleasing to the sensitive eye, the financial returns were—to Mr. Cook. The placing of Incubators and supplies on the main floor followed, and to-day the Madison Square Garden is more than ever the great exposition for the sale of fows and everything for the poultry yard. But the fine artistic effect of shows held some five or more years ago has disappeared. It is all cold-blooded business now. The commercial poultry fanciers and breeders, the incubator manufacturer and feed dealer reign supreme. The New York Poultry Association has made money and can well afford now to loosen up the purse strings and give the rank and file of fanciers, men who patronize and make poultry

shows possible, a larger inducement to bring out their specialties. Raising the entry fee to three dollars will not increase the entries in Hamburgs, Polish, French, and many other varieties; on the contrary it is more likely that some will not be shown at all, especially if lower tiers in small and dark alleys are allotted to these unfortunate beasts.

Limiting entries to four cocks, four cockerels, four hens, four pullets and two pens in each variety would certainly not prove detrimental to the interests of the society or the exhibitors. It seems to us that it might improve the quality as a whole and keep the exhibits within reasonable and enjoyable bounds. So many fanciers have been discussing this important condition of affairs at the New York Show and criticising the management for the same that the time is ripe for a thorough discussion with the possible hope of effecting a change for the better at the next big show, in 1907.



The spirit of unrest is born in the American people. The tide of humanity surges backward and forward, from the East to West, and from North to South, every wage earner, every grower and wealth producer, yearns for something different.

We find the poultryman changing his breed for another. Many times on the verge of success, he gives up the old for the new. I for one say stick to what you have, improve always and add as many varieties as you have room and ambition to care for, but stick to the old until something else in your own hands proves superior.

A few fowls have often proved a panacea for the unrest first spoken of, many a mechanic and workman will indulge his fancier tendency in a pen of fowls and find a relaxation from his labors, in caring for them and in breeding and improving them.

Last week I spoke of the break of one point in the price of fresh eggs, this week we find the market has gained a point. There is no branch of agriculture in so satisfactory a condition as poultry keeping.

Dairy farming, as carried on to-day, is disgusting, the larger the dairy the deeper in debt we find ourselves at the end of the year.

The few particular exceptions are due to better than market price for the product, and ought to be held before those who either cannot or will not get out of the old ruts of decay, as examples. I have cited dairying because its profits are none at all as compared with egg farming, then, too, in the ultimate disposal milk and eggs

go together, the dairy store handles both and the producers of each must finally look to such a place in order to reach the consumer and get a living price for his output.

For the last two weeks I have devoted some space to the incubator as a hatching machine, and there is no topic more seasonable, it is mighty poor policy to talk about overcoats in July. It is true I have painted no glowing pictures for the incubator men to dream about, average success is obtainable from their use, and the same can be said of the old hen.

Last year we had no choice in either hens or eggs, this season, being on the ground, we have been able to choose a hen to our liking whenever we had a setting of eggs to put under her, and our success with them has also been ordinary and as satisfactory. We have confined our operations to large hens which were more easily handled and did not fly around every time anyone approached them. In rearing the chicks each successive hatch has been given new quarters, if three hens hatched two dozen chicks, two were furnished coops in a spot isolated from the others and given them, this stops fighting among the flocks and gives all an even chance to grow.

The farm produced much of my chick feed used so far this season, and a great saving has resulted.

With free range on grassland and plenty of grain, prepared food can easily be cut out.

In one bunch of chicks placed in an exposed position, a peculiar disease appeared, which promised to become epidemic unless checked. The eyelids seem to have been coated with a glue-like matter, rendering those attacked blind. From the exposed position in which I had placed the brood I concluded this was due to a cold, and remembering the success I had last season I gave a dose of Kemp's Balsam and rubbed the eyelid lightly with a strong liniment, this was repeated for three days and the chicks appeared as well as ever.

Geo E Howell

BIG SALE OF INDIANS.

This is to certify that I have this day sold to Rosemary Farm, of Huntington, L. I., my entire stock of White Indian Games, both young and old. I believe these are the best birds I ever bred or owned, and that these together with those already at Rosemary Farm gives them the finest flock of White Indian Games in the world.

H. B. SWARNER,
Plainfield, Pa.

His Choice.

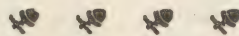
To The American Fancier:
I shall be a subscriber to The American Fancier as long as I breed poultry, for it is my choice of all poultry papers.
GEORGE M. BELL.
Voorheesville, N. Y.

The money obtained from hen fruit is widely distributed. It circulates everywhere and cannot be cornered, as it goes into every home, every farm, every town, and every grocery store in the land.

Raising poultry is a legitimate business, but it needs to be studied, built up, and taken care of as any live merchant takes care of his affairs, and keeps up with the times.

The Briarcliff Farms

BRIARCLIFF MANOR, NEW YORK



Where Waste Land is Redeemed, and Two Blades of Grass Grown Where One Grew Before



Briarcliff Farms, Mr. Walter W. Law's great park-farm estate of six thousand acres, is a bit of Westchester country which has for some years grown in fame for the beauty of its scenic attraction, the immensity and superiority of its dairy operations, the high standard of its hotels and great schools, and the thorough construction of its stone roads—together with many other surface view advantages.

But when all is said, a large proportion of Mr. Law's improving work lies in the ground and might be unappreciated by the casual observer. Such work, covering more than a dozen years, began with the consolidation of many small and worn-out farms, unimproved and poor. Much of such land was too rocky to be handled by small operators, some was wild and uncultivated, and some was marshy and wet. Acre by acre it has been redeemed by fertilization, drainage, the stone crusher, and the

graders, thousands of tons of stone being cleared for roads and walls and foundation work, while water and sewer lines, covered from view but carefully mapped, ensure the safety of the future as land comes into the productive class.

In the combination plate shown herewith, the present condition of a tract opposite the Briarcliff main office is suggestive. This land was a strip of marshy swale rising to a ridge so rough and stony as to be unfit even for pasturage, and was the

first location of a stone crusher worked there for many months. Photo "D" shows a bunch of sixty Jersey calves pastured where two and half tons of grass to the acre had already been cut; "G" shows corn over fourteen feet tall cut on the rise of the same piece. The drainage of low land is shown in "A," "B," "C," "E," "F," and on such land, where nothing of value ever grew before, corn will this year be raised to the discouragement of the mosquito.

This is the Briarcliff way.

Weed's Wanderings

From New York to Boston, or if it suits you better, from the great Metropolis to the Hub, we board the Fall River steamer, and after securing a state room, we enjoy the sail under the Brooklyn and Williamsburg bridges—past Blackwell's Island with its many city institutions, and then on the Sound. As night settles, we not help but think of the many, my lives entrusted to that one grim silent figure up above there in the pilot house, and once in a while our thoughts will revert to the Slocum disaster. We soon make up our minds that we are getting chicken-hearted, so we go to our room and "turn in" and get up in time the next morning to see the boat make the landing at Fall River. After a hasty breakfast, we board the train and arrive at our destination.

If you want to know just where you want to go and don't know how to get there, why try Boston.

Sunday morning, we wake up, and are really thankful that for one day at least we do not have to get a hustle on. We take a walk about the Common. What a beautiful place, Boston may well be proud of her Common.

We meet a party who recommends the Tremont Temple as a place of worship, so to the Tremont Temple we go, and feel amply repaid for going. A grand discourse given by a very able speaker, beautiful music, a choir of some fifty voices, all went to make it very impressive. In addition to which, they had the baptismal services, from candidates being immersed.

I was awakened from an after-dinner nap by a beating of Salvation Army drums, and I go down and hear the Gospel as profounded by them. In the morning we listen to a \$30,000 organ; in the afternoon, to a bass drum and a tambourine. Both have the same end in view. It seems to me there are as many avenues to heaven as ways of judging fowls, notwithstanding the different score cards and comparison to the contrary.

Does not the name of A. G. Duston make you think at once of White Wyandottes? Come with us and we will visit him at South Framingham. We get him on the 'phone and he soon gets us on his buggy ("are you on") and we are soon able to locate his place by the numerous buildings, newly built, devoted to poultry. Mr. Duston's stock is too well known to need comment from me. Will simply say that the youngsters were looking fine.

From Duston's to Rollins, of Light Brahma fame. Here we see the lordly old Light Brahma in all his and her glory, and after seeing this grand display we wonder why more do not breed them.

From here we go to Milford and have a handshake with James Nolan, Nolan Bros. Barred Rocks and White Rocks are Mr. Nolan's choice

and he certainly has the goods.

Dear readers, let me take you to South Newbury, N. H., to the Shultis farm, or to put it plainer to the farm and summer home of Mark Shultis, of Boston, the poultry department of which is in charge of John H. Weed. This is a practical plant, pure and simple. Here are kept some 1,200 laying hens; Barred Rocks have been their favorites, but this year several incubators full of other varieties are under way, simply to try the merits of one breed against the other. Capons are one of the features of this large plant, the manager being an expert in this line, and Mr. Shultis himself is no mean hand at the operation. I have really come to the conclusion that this branch of the poultry industry is rather neglected, or rather, is not appreciated.

Feed for this plant is bought by the carload, and Mr. Shultis giving this the benefit of his thirty years experience in the grain business, hence the feed bill on this plant is kept within the lowest possible rates.

The output of this plant goes to Boston, and the best prices are received for the product. Mr. Shultis not only pays his poultryman a good salary, but gives him an interest in the profits. The labor hours on this plant are from 4:30 A. M. to 10 P. M., so you see that if eternal vigilance will "win out" this plant will surely win out.

From South Amboy, N. H., to Brattleboro, Vt., and there we meet Mr. F. D. E. Stowe, Game Bantam expert. We visit Mr. Stowe's yards and see some cracking good birds, and really enjoy our visit with Mr. Stowe. More like him would make the class of fanciers more pleasant to meet.

Geo W Weed

THE FAMILY FOWL.

In carving the chicken to make it go 'round
Our family circle, I always have found,
No matter what morsels I save for the rest,
The baby is sure to be pleased with the breast.

Next comes our young hopeful; like other small boys
He finds his chief comfort in making a noise;
Can't think of anything better to do
Than give him a drumstick to beat a tattoo.

Our sweet little daughter, just eighteen years old
To no one but mother her secret has told;
Would it be such a very indelicate thing
To show that I know she's about to take wing?

My wife's eldest sister is doomed, I'm afraid,
To die, as she's lived so long an old maid;
The only appropriate thing in the dish
For her is the bone that may bring her wish.

My brother, past fifty, still faithfully wears
The widower's weeds he's been wearing for years;
I hope he won't put too prophetic a point
On my offer to find him a nice "second joint."

And there's the best woman the world ever knew—
My wife—I have something reserved for her, too;
The rest of the giblets may surely now go
With the heart that I gave her two decades ago.

One trouble experienced by beginners with incubators is that they have never given their poultry any attention and they practice this sort of negligence with the incubator.

POULTRY RAISING FOR YOUNG FOLKS.

There is no branch of home industry that is better adapted for young folks than the raising of poultry. There is amusement, recreation, innocence and health in the employment. It is a school of nature and industry from the moment the first egg is deposited in the nest until that little germ that is encased and hidden from view quickens and develops itself into the full-fledged cockerel or pullet.

In inditing the above, the writer has in mind the experience of a little six year old chap who has a pen of five White Leghorn pullets and a cockerel, which it was his good fortune to acquire in October last. The chickens are prize stock, indeed, the youthful owner winning them at a church fair, where they were awarded by chance, the shares in the drawing being ten cents each. The winner paid his dime and secured the prize, much to the great disappointment of two hundred and forty-nine other juveniles and grown-ups who had covetous eyes upon the birds, for the pen was the contribution of a well-known fancier, and quite celebrated through being descendants of prize-winning stock.

There was some consternation when the 'phone rang and Pater Familias was informed that his offspring had won a pen of chickens, for the backyard is none too large, and the neighbors are great gardening fiends. Just what to do with so much animated chicken flesh afforded quite a parley in the household, for Uncle did not want to create the displeasure of the neighbors, Auntie, ditto, and Mother just about in line. Then Gramp and Cousin, a man of mature age and wisdom, stepped in and Pop was directed to have a coop and run built in the confines of the backyard.

The coop is a simple affair, 5x5x5 feet, the front facing south, the roof sloping slightly towards the north, with a door on the west side, and a 3x2 foot sash in the front, fixed so that it can be raised for ventilation. The opening into the run or yard is fixed so that it may be opened or closed from the outside, by means of a string, while the window can be manipulated in the same manner.

The yard or run is 25x5x5 feet, built in the form of an L, to fit the conditions of the backyard. The chickens get the benefit of the sun in winter, when the apple trees in a neighbor's yard are bare, and will enjoy the shade in the summer time.

Within, the coop or house is simple enough to satisfy the most strenuous advocate of a simple life. The roost is placed over a dropping board, under which is placed the nests, three in number. The front part of the dropping board is just high enough to make an easy jump from the floor, and then it is but a step, as it were, from that point of vantage to the perch, which by the way is placed far enough from the back of the structure to keep the cockerel's tail feathers intact.

In front of the nest and roosting place is sufficient room for a dust box and drinking fountain, with a chance for the fowls to scratch about in extreme cold weather, and the feathered inhabitants have seemed to enjoy themselves during the winter past, despite they were cooped up for three

days during a pretty good specimen of blizzard weather. The house is constructed of matched pine, driven close, the roof being covered with heavy building paper to keep the rain and snow out.

The window was never closed entirely during the winter, even in the blizzardous performance of the weather, and now it is left open entirely, and the opening to the yard is never closed now-a-days. None of the inmates were the least frost-bitten, and all seemed to enjoy the winter months. The scratching pen was rather improvised, being constructed in one jog of the "L" by simply placing a canvas cover over the wire on top of the framework, and then making a litter for the cockerel and his consorts to fuss around in. The arrangement answered its purpose admirably, for a more active, vigorous, and hardy sextette of White Leghorns it would be hard to find. This was evidenced when Pater Familias let them out for a run in the backyard on Easter Sunday. If a heavy rain had not have started in, it is very likely that five pullets and a cockerel, in the language applied to the last horse in the race, would have been "running yet."

So much for that part of the story. Now in relation to means and methods. To be truthful, not much real attention was given to the denizens of the backyard chicken farm until about the first of the year. They were fed and given water regularly, but nothing special was done in this direction. Table refuse and corn was thrown in to them, and the chickens did the rest. One of the pullets began laying on the seventh day of November, and then another followed.

It was some time after this that the young owner began to get interested, and Pater Familias gave more attention to the poultry business. Gramp, who was an enthusiastic breeder years ago, furnished up his chicken lore, and everybody who could talk chicken was interviewed. Then came the Madison Square Garden Show, and the "Backyard Chicken Farm" became a feature of young boyhood life, and Pater dug down in his clothes for poultry literature, cut clover, chick food, crushed oyster shells, and other egg coaxers, and everything that applied to the business. Visits were made to all of the large plants in the vicinity, besides taking in the little fellows, a poultry association was joined, and fanciers began to drop around to visit the plant in the backyard. Then a neighbor wanted a setting of eggs, putting up two dollars for fifteen, and Mother began to keep account of the business.

So far, this hit or miss chat has not had much to do with the actual management of the youthful owner, but this will be incorporated in succeeding chapters, for when a fellow gets in the spirit there seems to be a deal to say, all of which hereafter may or may not interest the readers of The American Fancier, but the scribbler will have done his best at writing upon a topic which seems to him timely and to the point, the experiences being taken from that of amateur poultrymen of the novice order, who, while their ages vary in years, unite in enthusiasm.

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PIGEON FANCY

EDITED BY H. M. POCKMAN



IMPORTED THIRD PALACE—SIRE OF MANY AMERICAN WINNERS

We publish in this issue a very interesting article on Dragoons; also a reproduction of Mr. T. J. Ambrose's celebrated Blue, shown so successfully in England. The Dragoon is one of the foremost breeds in both this country and England; well they should be, as there is not a more beautiful, hardy variety of pigeons existing. A beginner could not make a better selection than Dragoons. They are ideal breeders and produce progeny true to type.

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Messrs. H. and J. G. Smith, of Syracuse, New York, have just received from England a shipment of Carriers, Pouters and Dragoons. Their lofts shelter probably the best collection of Dragoons in this country. At the recent New York and Boston Shows they made a phenomenal record, winning at Madison Square Garden seven firsts, five seconds, eight thirds, one fourth, one hundred and ninety-five competing. At Boston, they captured five firsts and one third on twelve entries, one hundred and twenty-three in competition.

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Messrs. Knox & Betts, proprietors of the Parkside Lofts, Buffalo, N. Y., are breeding from a fine collection of Homers, and should make things pretty lively for the "boys" in their district. Among the many record birds in their lofts are M10174, Blue Checker Cock Winner of First Diploma in the one hundred mile young bird series, 1903, world's record, average speed 1,579.75 yards per minute. P5403, Checker Cock five hundred miles in one day as a youngster. This loft was first one hundred mile old birds, also second three hundred mile, youngsters, one hundred mile first, one hundred and fifty mile third, two hundred mile second, three hundred mile first, five hundred mile third, last season.

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Mr. E. P. Washburn, President of the Exhibition Working Homer Club, writes for members and others interested for their ideas regarding the young bird show. This variety has been bred lately for exhibition points and makes a very clean cut bird. The past shows have certainly been well supported in these classes. Trust that all Homer fanciers will try and

help make this young bird show a success by giving your ideas and support. We will shortly publish a very interesting article on this variety, also photographs of the noted winners.

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The Show Homer at the present time is one of the most popular varieties of pigeons in England, but does not seem to gain a very prominent position in this country, although a few fanciers have worked faithfully to bring them to the fore. The Boston Show brought out quite a good entry, eighty birds in nine classes. The quality was, by far, better than at New York, where only twenty-four competed in four classes. If more articles pertaining to this beautiful pigeon were published by those interested, more fanciers advertise them for sale, more life in the club, we would probably see more entries at our shows, and better quality.

Specialty Clubs.

What we want is more energy displayed by the members of the Specialty Clubs, not only the Secretary, but every member of the Club. Most of us thrust it all on the Secretary. We vote at the annual election and that is all. Some do not even vote, but if the classification at the club meeting does not suit, we "kick." The Specialty Club is the one to see that their variety is properly looked after, every member just as much as the Secretary should do his part. We believe if more specials were put in competition at our different shows, and not all awarded at the annual meet of that particular club, it would not only benefit the club in the way of additional members, but also the Association where such specials were competed for. This is a plan followed very successfully in England. It not only brings out a large entry at the annual meet, but many smaller shows are made interesting. Specials, such as cups, medals, etc., are what most fanciers are desirous of winning. Another objection is the same judge of certain varieties at our different shows, although he may be well qualified to place the awards, fanciers who had not won the "coveted" position at a certain exhibition would hardly feel as though he could

change his standing this time. But under another, would probably try again.

Exhibition Working Homer Club.

Early you will say, but none too early to get your ideas about that young bird show you have all wanted and been talking about. All you members and others who will kindly give us the benefit of your ideas and suggestions, write either the Secretary or myself, so we can get the thing going and present it to you in some form for your action. If not too early, you can have it at the Taunton Show, where practically everything will be provided "gratis." Now, boys, talk it up, and get at it and write.

E. P. WASHBURN, President.
Taunton, Mass.

West Side District of The National Federation of Homing Pigeon Fanciers, Buffalo, N. Y.

The first race of this District will be the one hundred mile "Old Bird," May 26, 1906. The officers are: Mr. William Betts, President; Mr. John P. Young, Vice-President; Mr. George C. Peters, Secretary; Mr. John F. Knox, Race Secretary-Treasurer. Messrs. Betts, Young, Peters, Knox, McAllister, Doll, Fellows, Viedt, Walker, Zeiss, Jr., all intend to take part in the coming races. We will publish the results, time, etc., of this district for all their races.

Result of the One Hundred Mile Race.

The Plainfield District of the National Federation of Homing Pigeon Fanciers held their One Hundred Mile Old Bird Race, May 13th. Birds were liberated at Newark, Delaware; weather clear:

Owner	Speed
1st—D. C. Anderson.....	1,529.71 yds
2nd—D. C. Anderson.....	1,474.59 yds
3rd—M. B. Mellor.....	1,463.73 yds
4th—M. B. Mellor.....	1,451.00 yds
5th—Wm. J. Taylor.....	1,418.38 yds
6th—F. C. Brounner.....	1,342.64 yds

M. B. MELLOR,
Race Secretary.

963 Hillside Avenue,
Plainfield, N. J.

Experience with Long Face, Black Mottle Tumblers.

(Feathered World, England.)

Having been asked by the Editor to give a few notes on my experience in the breeding of Long Faced Black Mottles, I do so, but with some reluctance, as there are abler writers than I in the Fancy.

I started in 1896, ten years ago. My aviary was only 5 feet by 4 feet, flight 7 feet by 4 feet. In 1899 it was increased to 9 feet by 6 feet, and now I have another house 12 feet by 8 feet. I commenced with two pairs of stock birds of the strains of Haynes, Child and Pillans. There was a gay-marked cock off the one pair, and a sparsely marked hen off the other pair, and not having accommodation to separate the sexes, these two young birds mated up some time in October and had a pair of full-marked young ones in their first nest. I believe that was the first time such a thing happened in Beith. One of them did a lot of winning, and latterly went to an English fancier. I did not breed a winner in 1897, but in the following year I bred two birds, one of them the famous Jones' Trophy hen which won the 80-guinea challenge trophy at the Palace, and the other also did a bit

of winning, including first at the Paisley New Year Show. Thus two winners were bred in an aviary 5 feet by 4 feet, so no workingman need give up hopes of getting to the top for the want of accommodation. I have bred first-prize winners every year since 1897. In 1901 I showed five birds which had never been out before, and they did most of the winning in Scotland that year.

I have never bought a winner, but have bred them all. The Black Mottle is the prettiest of all the Tumbler varieties. When mating up, I like a gay-marked cock to a sparsely marked hen, or vice versa. Some fanciers do not believe in breeding from selfs, but if I have a suitable mate I have no hesitation in breeding from them.

Never mate two birds with the same faults together. This year I have tried different matings. There is not one pair mated up the same way as last year, and the results of the first round have exceeded my expectations. Anyone going in for the breeding of black mottles should go to a reliable breeder and get two or three pairs of the same strain, as it is a mistake starting with too many different strains. Young fanciers should not go in for too many varieties at once.

Hoping these few notes may encourage the novice to go on more determined to succeed.

HUGH CRAWFORD.

PET STOCK NOTES.

(By W. R. Brown, Poultry Advocate.)

The ears of the lop rabbit, I need scarcely say are the chief points for show purposes. They should drop evenly on each side of the head, and should not be less than eighteen inches long, measuring from the extremity of one ear to the tip of the other. The cruel methods adopted for the lengthening of the ears are too bad to mention; but the tender portion is to a certain extent elastic and will with a little judicious manipulation be vastly improved. Up to a certain extent there is no harm in following the practice, it being wise to give a gentle rubbing daily, always provided roughness is avoided, and the ears left alone if the rabbit shows signs that they are tender. In breeding this rabbit, choose the parents, first for their size, health and strength; secondly, for their ear qualities; and thirdly for their color—a comparatively non-material point. For a long time breeders have subjected lops to artificial heat, but if my advice be taken this will be done with, as little as possible, as it renders the animals more like hothouse plants than anything. On the whole it is perfectly well agreed that as good head points can be obtained without heat as with it.

Amongst short-haired cats none is more admired and sought after than a really good specimen of a pure tortoiseshell. Next to brightness of color come shape and size. A cat of medium size, but fairly long in body, is to be preferred. It should not, however, be too long in the legs. The head should be small, neat and well shaped, the ears angular, standing well up and a good distance apart. The correct shade for the eye is bright amber, and this is very often a stumbling-block with some fanciers, the eye being of incorrect shade. The coat is fine in texture and is silky and sleek to the touch. It can be kept well groomed

with a silk handkerchief or small brush and this will display the lovely colors to the greatest advantage. Such is the standard of excellence, and specimens, when fulfilling the requirements, and shown in proper condition, are always subjects of great admiration.

The following notes on exhibiting mice are from the pen of "Feather Fur," and may prove of value to mouse breeders: Having obtained the schedule you must next consider the question of classification; for on the number and variety of classes provided depends the decision as to which of the mice have the best chance of getting noticed. The classes at most shows vary from two to four, whilst others are as many as five and six or eight.

There are ordinarily one each for self-colored, broken or variegated, even marked, and any other variety, whilst sometimes there is a class for doe and litter, and possibly a selling class. It will then be necessary to consider how you will place your exhibit. Let me suggest, for example, that if you have a broken colored mouse, the color being well distributed all over, with no attempts at even marks, and it is sent to an ordinary show with only three classes, it will probably be unnoticed, as it has to compete against evenly marked specimens. Such a mouse should be reserved for a show which gives a class for broken colors. The same holds good with Sells and Agoutis, the latter standing a poor chance when two classes only are given. Bear this all in mind and enter accordingly.

As Hutch rabbits, Himalayans are very disappointing from an exhibitor's point of view, but at the same time they make nice pets. They are naturally petite, compact little beings, and are unfortunately prone to abnormal fatness in captivity, and moreover, it is very difficult to retain the blackness of the markings under close confinement. In no case is a Himalayan likely to retain sufficient purity of color points for exhibition for any length of time. Now a word as to exhibiting Himalayan rabbits. There is a time when the rabbit is changing his baby coat that he goes back in color. The promising youngsters when three months old should be put in pairs in roomy hutches. First let them have more light, then gradually darken the hutch. This makes the color denser and more lasting.

The ferret is an animal of a good deal of importance, for not only is the little animal useful in bolting rabbits, but it is largely instrumental in helping to reduce the number of rats, always more or less in evidence where grain is stacked. The ferret was originally a native of Africa, and this is shown by its love of heat and dislike of extreme cold. The hutch should therefore always stand where it is sheltered from wind and rain, and in as warm a corner as possible. Ferrets are healthier and more comfortable, when allowed plenty of light and not shut up in a dark box, as is often the case.

There is no more beautiful variety of the domestic cat than the White Persian, with blue eyes; but in towns it is difficult to keep it spotlessly clean, and a dirty white cat is a most unwholesome-looking creature. Dwellers in the country, however, who are inclined to join the cat "fancy" cannot better than make a beginning with this handsome animal. There is al-

ways a good demand for white cats, especially for those with eyes of the correct blue shade, which will sell for more profitable sums. A peculiarity of white cats is that they are very often deaf. Another curious thing is that more often than any other colored cat do they have the two eyes of different colors. If one parent has blue eyes and the other green or yellow eyes the kittens will be just as likely to have blue eyes as if the parents matched in this respect.

Domestic rabbits are very sensitive to colds and other ailments when shedding their coats. A chill at this time will so upset the animal that it may remain ragged and miserable for months and will be useless for either breeding or for exhibition. Young rabbits commence their first moult when they are between eight and ten weeks old. Some bread and milk is good at this time as milk has a great influence on the coat, rendering it beautifully sleek. A mash made of barley meal, middlings and one of the patent rabbit meals mixed in equal parts, and some linseed meal added, produces a glossy and lustrous coat.

Seems Good to Him.

To The American Fancier:

It seems good to get the Fancier in the good old way, and there is but one "American Fancier," and that is when "Drev" is the Editor. We hope that all the cranks in hendom will do their little bit to push a good thing along.

Yours truly,

PERMARTHEL POULTRY YARDS,
H. G. Ruth, Mgr.

Olean, N. Y.

Good Returns.

To The American Fancier:

We received American Fancier with ad in it, and have already had good returns from the same.

Yours truly,

ATWOOD KREIDER.

Lititz, Pa.

The Finishing Touch.

To The American Fancier:

I want to congratulate you on the improvement of the paper. The cover puts the finishing touch on, and it is now getting to be a grand paper. Wishing you success, I am,

Yours truly,

LUTESINGER & SON.
Auburn, N. Y., April 26, 1906.

Swamped With Orders.

To The American Fancier:

Kindly cut out my large classified advertisement and just run the small one. I am swamped with orders. Have had to refuse some. Have had as high as eleven settings of my best eggs ordered in one mail. Please cut the ad out as soon as possible. Wishing you success with your bright, newsy paper, I remain,

Very truly yours,

ARTHUR BOUCK.
Frankfort, N. Y., April 20, 1906.

The American Fancier is It.

To The American Fancier:

Sold Indians Monday. Discontinue the advertisement. The American Fancier is "it," and I'm with you.

Yours truly,

F. M. THOMAS.
Catskill, N. Y., May 2, 1906.

Like Old Times.

To The American Fancier:

It seems like old times to get The American Fancier in its up-to-date form. This first, the others afterwards. Wishing you success, I am,

Very respectfully,

ELLIS DUNTZ.
Glencoe Mills, N. Y., May 3, 1906.

Standby for Years.

To The American Fancier:

We are more than pleased to see the old American Fancier by itself again. It has been our standby for years. It is the one that heads the line, favoring neither friend or foe, and when it comes to show reports, you have the whole thing, not "our patrons winning," such reports are like reading a prospectus instead of the book, and, again, the news is fresh, brief and to the point. Long may her eagle live to scream.

Yours truly,

W. E. SAMPSON.
Forest City, Pa., May 14, 1906.



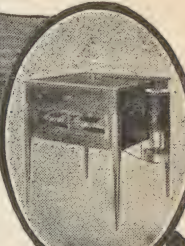
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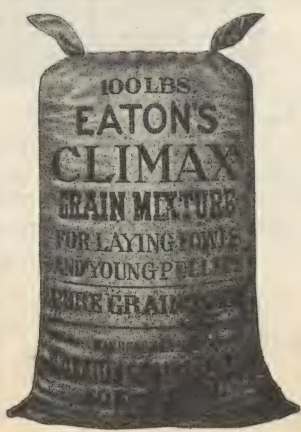
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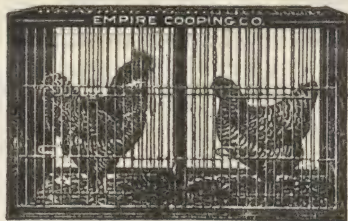
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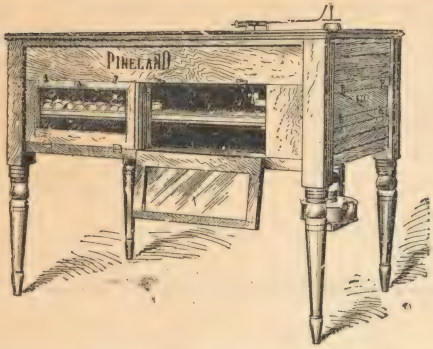
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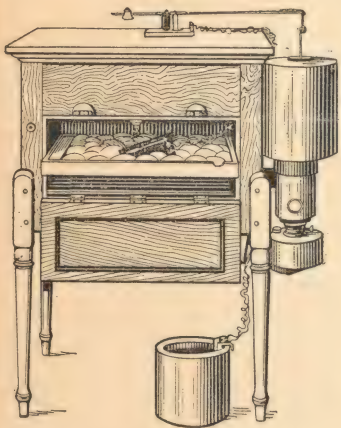
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LIGHT BRAHMAS



By John Rumbold, Secretary of American Light Brahma Club

At a time when so many are falling over themselves in their mad scramble after new "so called" breeds, I suppose a fellow will be called old-fashioned and out of date to take up the cudgel in behalf of an old breed of fowls, and speak a few words in their favor.

Having bred Light Brahmas for thirty-five years, continuously, it may be supposed they are my favorites; and so they are. I have bred many varieties before, and since I first took up this breed I am prepared to say that with proper handling they can be made as profitable as any other breed in existence. That as egg producers they are not what they once were, goes without saying, but the cause is in easy reach and as easily remedied with common sense methods. While many breeds have been handled so as to increase egg production, the Brahmas have been handled in the opposite direction, the sole aim seemingly being to produce fine feathers and other exhibition qualities. Where one breeder has had an eye to making them a utility fowl, a hundred others have been making the show room their goal. Consequently the breed has suffered loss as heavy layers. I don't mean to say they are not fair to good layers, as it is; they are, but had the same attention been given to them as has been given to other breeds they would stand abreast of any breed in existence. How many Brahma breeders do we find using trap nests to trap the best layers and weed out the deadheads? I think it wouldn't take the fingers of both hands to enumerate them. Brahma breeders should awaken to the necessity of doing something more than they are doing to add to the interest of the breed, and I know of no better way than to begin the task of bringing them up in egg production. Show qualities they possess in marked degree, but in this age of commercialism they need to be made the farmer's friend as well as the fancier's joy. A standard colored and shaped Brahma is not excelled in attractive beauty by any other breed. I say attractive, for they will attract the attention of any one, whether a chicken fancier or not, more so a thousand fold than the stuff that is filling the show rooms at the present time, only to take a slump in the near future.

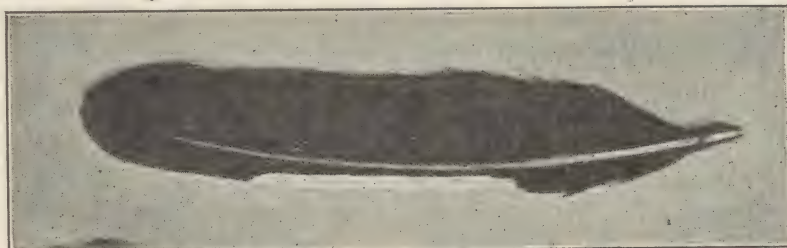
The new standard for Brahmas is an improvement on its predecessor, so far as shape or type is concerned. In the past, many birds, especially in the East, have been bred too short in all sections. I think the old Standard to blame for that. All sections were styled "medium," and this in the hands of both breeders and judges



GROUP OF LIGHT BRAHMAS



Mr. Rumbold's Ideal Shape of Light
Brahma Hen



Primary Feather of Light Brahma Hen

was made to cover absolute shortness in neck, back, body and legs, and the specimens pass without a cut for these defects in the show room, whereas, if justice had been done them, they would have been relegated to the shambles. The wording of the

New Standard should work a great improvement in the type of the breed, and, if it is given its proper share of attention by judges, it will help work out the salvation of the breed. It will give a more active bird, one better able to hunt up a part of its own

living, and an active fowl is the laying fowl the world over. The short-legged, short-bodied Brahma cannot be expected to hold its own in the scramble for existence and preferment.

While I like the wording of the Standard, I think very little of the illustration of the hen. I am free to admit she looks well on paper, but she doesn't fit the description as laid down in the Standard. She is weak, very weak in breast, and no stretching of the imagination can make her rather long in body. A flat breast and short keel makes her absolutely short in body, and a type no one wants who has the interest of the breed at heart. The accompanying cut, to my mind, is far closer to nature, and a type which will double in egg production the one in the Standard. The breast looks like it had been patterned by a pair of dividers. No good Brahma has such a breast. The lower part or keel must be much longer to give it the Standard description, "full" and rounded, not rounded from hackle to thighs, but from side to side. In other respects she is very good. The illustration of the Dark Brahma hen is much better, the length of body being proportionately greater in comparison with her height, though the breast shows the same defect, but added length of body makes it show less, and the position is a little different.

It will be well for both old breeders and amateurs to follow the written description and not the illustrations when making up their breeding pens and show coops. The same fault of the hen is also seen in the male, but as they do not in nature have the full rounded breasts of hens, the illustration is more in accord with the natural type. A little lengthening of the keel and straightening of the front of breast would make quite an improvement in both cuts, but that wouldn't make the body of hen "rather long." In color, the description is fine until the wing of the female is reached. That describes the wing of twenty years ago, and not one breeder in a thousand will accept it as the type of color for to-day. See cut of female primary. This is from the daughter of a Boston cup winner, and illustrates the idea of a perfect primary in the American Light Brahma Club's Catalogue. The hen is now three years old and wing as good as ever. The Standard should call for the best that has been produced, or can be produced, not for an uncertain amount of labor. There is an indefiniteness in the description of wing that is unsatisfying and displeasing. Black and white, the black to pre-

dominate. There is nothing to keep a bird with a wing in which black barely predominates from winning over one with a perfect wing. In fact I have known a judge to say one of the most perfect wings I ever saw was too black. That pullet belonged to the late John L. Cost, sacred to the memory of all Brahma breeders. Primaries, black, with a short lacing of white on lower edge should be the watchword when we are breeding for color. That is what we are after in this year of 1906.

Brother breeders, let us get together and do some work on the utility line. It will be to the advantage of the breed, and to ourselves as well. The advancement of this beauty breed along all lines that will recommend it to the fancier and general breeder should be our aim, and the end to which we should bend our most earnest efforts.

New Breed of Waterfowl.

It has remained for an enterprising farmer of Beltrami County to breed successfully a new waterfowl, which promises to take its place in the front ranks of the game birds of the State, and which has already caused considerable embarrassment to two Bemidji nimrods, says the Bemidji, Minn., correspondent of the St. Paul Dispatch.

Charles Saxrud owns a farm in Maple Ridge township, about fifteen miles northwest of Bemidji. Last year he decided to raise a flock of ducks, and with that end in view he secured a pair of ducks, and in the nature of things the female was desirous of hatching out a brood of her own kind, and she was given an even dozen of nice eggs with which to begin business. The duck sat industriously on these eggs for five days, when she was accidentally killed.

Mr. Saxrud was at his wits' end as to what to do with that setting of duck's eggs. He had an old Brahma hen that had been persistent in setting on door knobs and any other old thing that was lying around loose, and he put her to work on the duck eggs. The eggs finally produced eight small hairy fowls that caused great consternation to the old hen, but she adopted the whole bunch and took good care of them until they happened to get down to the lake one day. The ducks immediately took to the water, and the hen raised a great commotion as her adopted youngsters swam about.

This was repeated for several days, until Mr. Saxrud, in desperation as to how to allay the concern of the hen, decided to tie pieces of rubber to her hen's feet, which would allow her to swim with her brood. The scheme worked to perfection, their being a perfect web foot. The brood is raised and is still a part of Mr. Saxrud's flock.

This year when the old Brahma exhibited signs of desiring another family to look after he placed chicken eggs under her. While she sat the hen mused continually on those ducks, and the trouble she had with them and her stress of mind evidently affected the hatch, as when they came out of the shell they were exactly the form of a chicken, with the exception that they were provided with a duck's bill and had webbed feet.

They were larger than ducks, but had all their habits. They at once

took to the water, and Mr. Saxrud was again forced to provide the hen with her rubber socks. The brood developed rapidly, and were soon large, lusty fellows, nearly as large as full grown chickens. One day last week George McTaggart, a member of the Board of Aldermen of the city of Bemidji, and Fred W. Rhoda, clerk of the district court, made a trip up in Maple Ridge township for an outing. They happened to camp near Saxrud's place, and while out one afternoon espied at a distance Saxrud's old hen and her brood swimming along peacefully in a little lake on the farm.

The hunters could not exactly decide what the fowl were, but finally decided they were swans and let loose two double barreled charges of shot in the bunch. They rowed out to get their haul, when they made the discovery that there was an old hen with rubber tied around her feet and the halfbreed ducks. Just then Saxrud happened along, and it took considerable promises of refreshments on the next trip to town before the shooters were allowed to go. Only three of the entire bunch of chicken ducks were saved from annihilation, but Mr. Saxrud thinks he has enough left to form

the eggs began to crack, a head appeared, and then another, and the incubation was complete.

Remarkable Hens.

Some months ago a Swiss village in the Argau canton commemorated with much ale-swilling and other popular forms of jubilation the prowess of a village hen which had laid its thousandth egg. A similar celebration is to be given at Kollshenn, in Alsace, within a few days (says the Globe), to celebrate and incidentally advertise the "laying" qualities of native Alsatian poultry. One of the villagers had a redoubtable hen to which his affectionate pride had given the name of "Olga." "Olga" was a remarkable fowl. Hatched on March 21st, 1898, she laid her first egg on August 22nd in the same year, and from this excellent beginning went steadily forward until, after scoring 989, she was found dead on her nest in the struggle to complete the ninety. The pathos of the case has appealed to the Alsatian Ornithological Society, and "Olga," her meritorious life and exemplary end, are to be drunk and sung in story throughout the province.



Courtesy of the Berkshire Gleaner, Lee, Mass. Some Water Fowl Owned by P. J. Tyre, of Lee, Mass.

a nucleus for a large flock of the new variety.

FEATHERED LIFE TALES.

Our Office Boy's Advice.

"Be careful your hens do not get frightened at laying time. This is the reason why the yolk is sometimes a pale colour. The reason that duck eggs are so strong is that ducks are fond of swimming, and the exercise strengthens the eggs. Teach your fowls to swim, and their eggs will become as strong as duck eggs."

New Way to Hatch Chickens.

Robert Kelly, of West Neck, Long Island, has found a new way to hatch chickens. A hen to whom Kelley had intrusted some very valuable eggs, after sitting upon them for ten days, tired of her job and turned a cold wing upon her nest.

Kelly was at his wits' end. The eggs must be covered within half an hour or they would spoil. He rang for the gardener and consulted him. The result was the placing of the eggs in a large flower pot, half imbedded them in dirt, and then setting the pot under a steam radiator. Two weeks later, or three days after time,

American Ways..

Pigeons and Poultry.

Two words we are not familiar with in this country, but used in the American journals, are "batting" for winking, and "boosting" for booming. An American invariably spells pile with a y, and he talks and writes of games where we never use the word in the plural number, but prefer to say Game Fowls. He also knows not the Pekin Bantam, but styles it the Cochon Bantam. He has many other quaint sayings, but they hardly concern us so much as his doings.

He beats us hollow in the art of advertising. In Houdans he is behind us, as in most breeds, but he can produce a barred rock of superexcellence and the best photo of the best pullet I think one has seen in print occurs in the February number of the "Southern Fancier." The barring is as deep, close and fine as ours, but every feather on her is splendidly barred, not a single run or blotch anywhere. He can breed Silver Pencilled Rocks, too. Yes, Rocks, and handsome birds they are, with better pencilling than any I have yet seen on the Silver Pencilled Wyandotte. The single comb to my mind makes a handsomer bird.

Bantam News

"The proudest Bantam in any barnyard crows two octaves higher when he is scratching in some other rooster's gravel."

I am sending to-day by American Express, one market basket containing one hundred and eighty-four adjectives and nineteen adverbs for George Weed to use on his next trip.

Dr. Fox, of Taunton, reports sales of stock good, and prospects bright for another successful season. The doctor has received such high prices for some of his stock as to make an auto look like a cheap toy.

Arthur Schilling, the artist, who has lately become a resident of Chicago, has caught the true Western spirit and has issued a manifesto to Mr. Radford, of Wisconsin. It is expected that, as Radford has the choice of weapons, he will select the new Springfield, Model No. 25, which shoots "Black and White" highballs.

James B. N. Fitch, of Mt. Vernon,

N. Y., well known as a breeder of Black and Buff Cochon Bantams, will hereafter devote his entire attention to the Blacks. His family discovered that his strenuous efforts with the Buffs had begun to develop a yellow streak in him.

Charles M. Smith, of Brooklyn, N. Y., who is now breeding Buff, Black, White and Partridge Cochon Bantams was confined to his bed several days last week. The family physician found that Charles had begun to develop pin-feathers on his legs and center toes.

Barney Mosher, of Johnstown, N. Y., breeder of Japanese Bantams, and genial Secretary of the Adirondack Poultry Club, is busily engaged in working out some of the details in connection with the Johnstown Show to be held in November. This show has always maintained a high standard in the size and excellence of its Bantam exhibit, and judging by the number of unexploded shells in Barney's gun, the bantam show will exceed all previous ones both in quantity and quality.

"UNCLE DUDLEY."

BROWN'S BUDGET

An Oneida, N. Y., correspondent of the Country Gentlemen, who has had "a long experience with common and fancy poultry," says, "My advice to all is, if you have not time to give fowls proper care and keep debit and credit with them, don't keep them. If you have the time, it will give you much pleasure and profit."

We don't hear so much said about sunflower seed for poultry as was the case a few years ago. Its value was always somewhat overrated. The seed is good to mix with other seeds to give variety and needed bulk. Its best use is when an all or steady diet of whole grain is used. Then a bulky food is very desirable.

Don't give young turkeys sloppy foods. Don't allow any food to lie around. Don't give more than they will eat up with keen relish. Don't throw a bit more to them when you notice they slack up eating. Don't be in a hurry when you feed them, stay with them until they are all properly fed. Don't expect them to thrive in damp or in close coops. Don't have more than eight or nine with a hen. Common chicken hens make the best turkey mothers.

No matter how choice or how noted a strain of fowls may be, the profits in keeping them depends entirely on their treatment.

Indications point to a good many poultry house that will next winter have cloth instead of glazed windows. An authority, some years back, said about muslin windows: "It allows the heat of the sun to enter as readily as through glass, and does not radiate the heat away as rapidly as does glass."

It is now about time to read a seasonable item about as follows: "Last night a mink killed 17 chickens in the coops of Bill Seatter's. They were about frying-pan size. Mr. Seatter didn't believe in vermin proof coops. Now he does."—Imaginary Exchange.

If the people who believe scrub fowls are as good or profitable as pure breeds, will hatch out some of each in a brood and keep them running together they will learn a valuable lesson.

It is none too early to begin a little agitation for better poultry conditions and treatment at some of the agricultural fairs. More attention to classifying, and closing entries promptly according to premium list specifications should be observed. There are a number of agricultural societies that have large exhibits of poultry, but the very poor management and lack of classification makes

the display appear to be an ordinary one.

"Isn't it funny," says an exasperated neighbor fancier, "that when you set a hen on high priced eggs that come by express she is sure to get the tantrums, or else some remarkable mishap is bound to occur to the eggs. Set the same hen on any old scrub eggs and she will stick and attend to her maternal duties to perfection. I'll be (not suitable for publication) if it ain't enough to make a feller loose his religion."

The man's state of mind was such that I didn't ask questions. My own sweet experience, this season, made me inwardly sympathize with him. I just imagined only a very few of the vital troubles a setting of express eggs are festooned around with.

G. O. BROWN.

Parkville, Md.

CHICKEN CROQUETTES.

When a fancier quits the poultry business he can tear that tattered hen sign down, or pullet down, if that suits him better.

The lay of the nightingale may be very delightful to a well-fed man, but the "lays" of a hen are liked better by a hungry man.

An exchange heads an article "Artificial Egg Hatching." We offer a reward of ten cents for any machine that will hatch an artificial egg; second best, five cents.

When a hen sits on an empty china egg we call it blind instinct. When a girl sets her affections on an empty-headed noodle everybody thinks that he must have money.

A man is a bad egg when the best of him is on the outside.

The little four year old viewed the steaming fowl, as her father asked her what part she preferred, and then she naively replied: "Why, I'd like a piece of the wrist, papa."

Old hens never loose their teeth. Strange that a boy has never tried to set a hen on a bent pin.

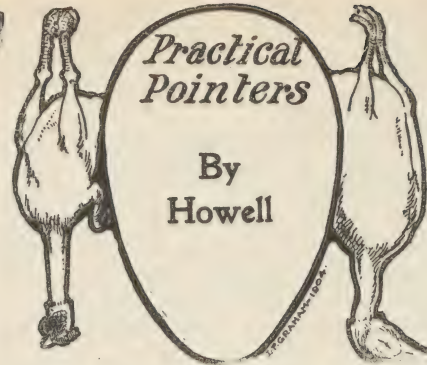
A man hates to own up that he isn't as smart as a hen, but he's got to allow that a hen can sit on an egg and not get mad.

A farmer's wife puts her whole sole in hen-shooing.

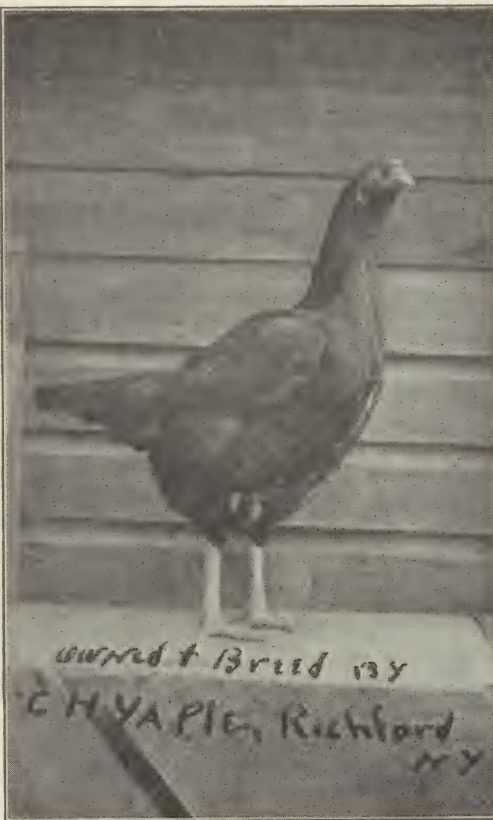
"There is no man so mean that a dog will not follow him," says an exchange. More than one hen-roost robber has found this out to his sorrow.

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Duck, Barbary.....	30 days
Turkey.....	28 days



This past week has been an eventful one for the commercial poultryman. The weather man having given us a foretaste of summer, we see the festive summer boarder appearing, and simultaneously the strife for new laid eggs will be transferred from the big receiving centers in the East, to the surrounding country. It is wonderful what an effect a few dozen eggs used at home, instead of being taken to town, can have on many times that number which must find their way to market as usual. Anyway, the poultry people have no kick coming, they



Cornish Indian Game Hen owned and bred by C. H. Yapple, Richford, N. Y.

benefit by every raise in price regardless of the cause, and one can with the gradual decrease in the number laid, appreciate any reaction in our favor.

Why less eggs are gathered each day is easily explained, few houses have perfect ventilation; the more humidity in the air the more the old hen suffers; go into a house after dusk and see them sitting on their perches with wings unfolded and mouths open. It must have a tendency to check egg production. Yards get brown and bare, not a leaf overhead or a blade of grass left standing, not much comfort there, lice also get troublesome, all these annoyances affect the egg basket.

If a house is so situated, or built, that fresh air cannot be admitted freely by means of the door and windows, don't hesitate to make a hole somewhere in such a manner that it can be replaced when fall comes. For

shade nothing quite equals a tree thick with leaves; but a frame covered with muslin is better than none at all. Lice, when the droppings are removed, are easily subdued, the trouble is we become careless and allow them to get too much of a start. If around the perches, wet with kerosene, if in the nests burn the material and the box too, if necessary, though a little warming up while the filler is burning will answer. Small spray pumps, such as are used to spray cattle, can be filled with kerosene and applied to the sides of the building if the means to white-wash are not at hand.

Empty and refill the water fountains at least twice a day; it seems to be the nature of a hen to seek some filthy hole to drink from in preference to most any other place, yet when it is supplied to them the fresh article best suffices. Let me tell you a story of farm life on a hot day, and the sequel will remind you of the fowl's comfort.

Early in the week the heat became so oppressive that the cattle were given a portion of the summer range to graze over, through this a considerable stream of water runs. I went a little early in the afternoon intending to drive them to the water before bringing them up, but the old matrons, whose years of experience had taught them the custom, had gone to the water and the younger ones had followed. When I arrived on the scene the twenty odd head were aligned along the bank, front feet in the water, and the sun glistening on their fat sleek backs, making a picture most impressive, and showing us what nature can do when given an opportunity, and an example we can well follow with our fowls where we keep them confined in yards.

Geo. E. Howell

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THE GREY LAG GOOSE.

By J. T. Bird, The Feathered World.

This goose is an ornamental breed, and in a wild state has a very wide range. It is frequently to be met with, naturally in Great Britain, and is said to be the only variety of wild goose that nests with us, the nesting, however, in a state of freedom, being usually, if not always, confined to Scotland so far as our island is concerned.

The Grey Lag goose is considered to be the wild breed from which our tame farmyard goose has descended, and there is every probability that this supposition is correct, although the tame goose has lost a good deal of gracefulness and vigour, and gained in size and domesticity. In the Embden and the Toulouse a very striking difference from the Grey Lag is to be seen, but in geese similar to the small Irish the variation from the original is much less pronounced.

The Grey Lag is a large size for a wild goose. The bill is pink or flesh-colored, with a nearly white tip. The head and upper portion of the neck are ashy brown, the lower portion of the breast grey, the shoulders French grey, the hinder part of the back also grey, but with a little more blue in it. The underparts are white.

This bird has two very prominent characteristics that make it particularly suited to captivity. The one is its extreme hardness; the other its capability of being made as tame as can be desired. Moreover, this hardness is not confined, as in some fowls, to the adults, but is also found in the young, which makes such very easy to rear—so easy, in fact, that one authority states that the young may be reared, from wild procured eggs, in the farmyard.

This goose is not difficult to procure, and is not expensive. If increase is desired, the stock should be secured in the autumn, for then the birds have time to become settled down before the laying season, many of the birds beginning to lay in March.

Like the majority of wild geese, the Grey Lag should be pinioned in captivity, or there will be a strong risk of loss. Unless so treated, wild-bred birds are almost certain to desert, but many of those bred in captivity will not leave headquarters permanently, though they will range so far that sooner or later they will fall a victim to some gunner, so that the only safe way is to pinion. To pinion permanently, the last joint of the wing should be removed whilst the birds are quite tiny, which may be done with a sharp penknife, and birds so treated, never attaining the power of flight, never miss it. In the case of adult birds, spread out the wing, and with a pair of sharp, strong scissors cut off several of the flight feathers, leaving the outer two intact, so that the mutilation cannot be easily seen when the wing is folded. Clipping is better than pulling out the feathers, because when clipped, new feathers do not grow again until the birds moult, when the operation should be repeated. Whatever method of pinioning be adopted, only one wing of each bird should be treated.

Like the domestic goose, the Grey Lag is all the better for being upon a good grass range, and more or less water to sport upon, though, also like the domestic goose, it may be kept in health without either of these advan-

tages by providing of cabbage leaves and other green stuff, and plenty of drinking water. Water to swim upon, however, should be provided if breeding is desired.

It is necessary to fence in the range by means of wire netting or other goose-proof material if the Grey Lag is to be prevented from wandering, and this may be done cheaply, comparatively speaking, because such birds cannot get through so small a hole as can many water-fowl kept for ornament. Netting three feet in height, if properly erected and rigid, will turn geese of this breed. If with plenty of grass range, very little hand food will be required, one good meal of grain at dusk being sufficient during normal weather. Feed mainly upon wheat, with barley occasionally, and maize during frost, and provide grit in a trough filled with water.

DATES CLAIMED.

Under this heading there will appear each week a list of all the shows claiming dates for the coming season. Secretaries of poultry, pigeon and pet stock exhibitions will confer a favor by sending in the dates selected as promptly as possible. It is not only a convenience and guide to secretaries of shows that have not selected their dates, but of great interest to readers of The American Fancier, a majority of whom are exhibitors.

The name of secretary and judges will be appreciated when sending in notices.

Aug. 21-24—Cortlandt, N. Y. Cortlandt County Agricultural Society, W. J. Greenman, Secretary.

Sept. 3-6, Taunton, Mass., E. P. Washburne, Pigeon Judge and President.

Sept. 3-7, Columbus, Ohio, T. E. Orr, Judge; W. W. Miller, Secretary.

Sept. 3-8, Orangeburg, N. Y., J. F. Gilchrist, Secretary.

Sept. 11-13, Mercer, Pa. Mercer County Fair and Poultry Show, T. E. Orr, Judge; John P. Orr, Secretary.

Sept. 12, Alton, Ill., Dr. A. W. Baker, Superintendent.

Sept. 17-22, North Yakima, Wash. State Fair, G. A. Graham, Secretary; Harry H. Collier, Superintendent Poultry.

Sept. 24-29, Spokane, Wash. Inter-State Fair, Robt. H. Cosgrove, Secretary.

Sept. 25-29, Spokane, Wash., Robert Cosgrove, Secretary; H. H. Collier, Supt.

Sept. 28-Oct. 5, Springfield, Ill., W. C. Garrad, Secretary.

Sept. 29-Oct. 5, Sedalia, Mo., J. R. Rippey, Secretary.

October 2-5, Chatham, N. Y. Columbia County Agricultural Society, W. A. Dardess, Secretary.

Oct. 2-6, Puyallup, Wash., John Mills, Secretary; Harry H. Collier, Supt.

Oct. 17-18, Girard, Ill., Heimlich, Judge; H. K. Young, Secretary.

Nov. 12-15, Garnett, Kans., Rhodes, Judge; Hattie A. Weld, Secretary.

Nov. 12-17—Houston, Tex., Hewey S. Fox, Jr., Secretary.

Nov. 12-17, San Jose, Cal. Santa Clara Valley Poultry and Pet Stock Association, E. Van Every, Secretary, Edenvale, Cal.

Nov. 15-17, Wellman, Ia., Shellabarger, Judge; E. J. Coffey, Secretary.

Nov. 16-17, Manhattan, Kans., Chas. E. Smith, Secretary.

Nov. 20-23, Winfield, Ia., Shellabarger, Judge; Russell Canly, Secretary.

Nov. 21-23, West Haven, Conn. D. A. Nichols, D. J. Lambert, W. R. Graves, Judges; E. J. Crawford, Secretary.

Nov. 21-23, New London, Ill., Russell, Judge; F. L. Clanson, Secretary.

Nov. 21-24, Holton, Kans., Rhodes, Judge; T. A. Fairchild, Secretary.

Nov. 22-24, Englewood, N. J., N. R. Pendergast, Secretary.

Nov. 26-30, Cedar Rapids, Ia., Shellabarger, Judge; S. G. Smith, Secretary.

Nov. 27-30, Carthage, Mo., Rhodes, Judge; C. A. Emry, Secretary.

Nov. 27-Dec. 1, York, Pa. C. T. Cornman, William G. Minich, Judges; J. N. Lovett, Secretary.

Nov. 28-30, Fairfield, Ill., Russell, Judge; J. R. McEldrey, Secretary.

Nov. 29-Dec. 1, Vienna, Ill., Heimlich, Judge; Chas. M. Pichens, Secretary.

Nov. 28-Dec. 2, Moline, Ill., Shellabarger, Judge.

Dec. 3-5, Brookfield, Mo., Rhodes, Judge; J. S. Hill, Secretary.

Dec. 3-6, Ravenwood, Mo., Russell, Judge; Robt. Larmer, Secretary.

Dec. 3-7, Mason City, Ia., M. V. Bicker, Secretary.

Dec. 3-8, Rolfe, Ia., Heimlich, Judge; Marion Bruce, Secretary.

Dec. 3-9, San Francisco, Cal. California Poultry Association, J. C. Williams, Secretary, Fruitvale, Cal.

Dec. 4, Youngstown, Ohio, T. E. Orr, Judge; W. H. Crossler, Secretary.

Dec. 4-5, Jackson, Mich., F. W. Travis and S. Butterfield, Judges; C. W. Kroosz, Secretary.

Dec. 4-7, Holyoke, Mass., George Barnett, Jr., Secretary.

Dec. 4-7, Philmont, N. Y. D. A. Nichols, Judge; G. J. Anderson, Secretary.

Dec. 4-7, Humeston, Ia., Shellabarger, Judge; Geo. King, Secretary.

Dec. 4-7, Mt. Sterling, Ill., Meyers, Judge; Eugene Hambaugh, Secretary.

Dec. 4-8, Paterson, N. J., J. Frost, Secretary.

Dec. 4-8—Youngstown, O., H. J. Cossler, Secretary.

Dec. 4-8—Wilkes Barre, Pa., David T. Miller, Secretary.

Dec. 4-8—Providence, R. I., Rhode Island Poultry Association, W. I. Brown, Secretary, 6 Exchange Place.

Dec. 4-8, Anardarko, Oklahoma Territory, Fite, Judge; Plaff, Secretary.

Dec. 5-8, Grand Rapids, Wis. Grand Rapids Poultry Association; B. G. Eggert, Secretary; Frank Heck, Judge.

Dec. 5-8, Paterson, N. J. Paterson Poultry, Pigeon and Pet Stock Association; Charles Frost, Secretary.

Dec. 5-8, Danbury, Conn. Western Connecticut Poultry Association, Charles H. Brundage, Secretary; Judges, J. H. Drevendst, T. F. McGrew, Hon. David Nichols and W. H. Card.

Dec. 5-8, Ellensburg, Wash., Harry H. Collier, Judge; Mrs. S. F. Montgomery, Secretary.

Dec. 5-10, Birmingham, Ala., McClave, Sites, Judges; Klyn Ballard, Secretary.

Dec. 6-8, Villisca, Ia., Russell, Judge; F. M. Childs, Secretary.

Dec. 6-8, Fulton, Mo., Rhodes, Judge; D. W. Whanger, Secretary.

Dec. 6-9—Danbury, Conn., C. H. Brundage, Secretary.

Dec. 10-14, Waverly, Ia., Shellabarger, Judge; B. L. Burbank, Secretary.

Dec. 10-15, Great Bend, Kans., Fite, Judge; J. A. Lesseman, Secretary.

Dec. 10-15, Warren, Ill., Heimlich, Judge; B. L. Wright, Secretary.

Dec. 11, Warren, Ohio, T. E. Orr, Judge; Wm. G. Baldwin, Secretary.

Dec. 11-14, Lewistown, Mo. Lewistown Poultry Association; A. O. Brookings, Secretary, La Belle, Mo.; Frank Heck, Judge.

Dec. 11-14, Winsted, Conn. F. D. Hallet, Secretary.

Dec. 11-14, Quincy, Ill., Lane, Judge; A. E. Rogers, Secretary.

Dec. 11-16, Tacoma, Wash., Henry Berar and Harry H. Collier, Judges; Mrs. C. A. Pratt, Secretary.

Dec. 12-14—Kingston, N. Y., F. E. Miller, Secretary, Rifton, N. Y.

Dec. 12-15—Corsicana, Tex., W. E. Elliott, Secretary, Box 281.

Dec. 12-15, Fresno, Cal. Fresno Poultry, Pigeon and Pet Stock Association, George R. Andrews, Secretary.

Dec. 12-15, Stoughton, Wis. Stoughton Poultry Association; Sylvanus Ames, Secretary; Frank Heck, Judge.

Dec. 12-15, St. Mary's, Ohio. Wick Hathaway, Judge; F. F. Aschbacher, Secretary.

Dec. 17-20, Clarinda, Ia., Rhodes, Judge; John Lagerquik, Secretary.

Dec. 17-21, Mound City, Mo., Russell, Judge; W. H. Weightman, Secretary.

Dec. 17-21, Pierce City, Mo., Emry, Judge; Thomas Carlin, Secretary.

Dec. 17-22, North Yakima, Wash., W. C. Denny, Judge; S. H. Schreiner, Secretary.

Dec. 17-22, Sullivan, Ill., Lane, Judge; D. W. Duncan, Secretary.

Dec. 18, McConnellsville, Ohio, T. E. Orr, Judge; G. M. Foster, Secretary.

Dec. 18-21, Geneva, Ohio. R. H. Munger, Secretary.

Dec. 18-21, Greenfield, Ia., Shellabarger, Judge; Mrs. S. E. Alley, Secretary.

Dec. 18-21, Jacksonville, Ill., Heimlich, Judge; Ralph Dunlap, Secretary.

Dec. 18-22, Ponce City, Oklahoma Ter., Fite, Judge; Flen. Smith, Secretary.

Dec. 19-22, Holland, Mich. Holland Poultry and Pet Stock Association; L. S. Prietsma, Secretary; Frank Heck, Judge.

Dec. 19-22, Mohnsville, Pa. Wyomissing Poultry Association; George W. Hatt, Secretary, Mohn's Store, Pa.; Charles T. Cornman, Judge.

Dec. 19-23, Mohn's Store, Pa., Cornman, Judge; Geo. W. Thompson, Secretary.

Dec. 20-22, Wenatchee, Wash., Harry H. Collier, Judge; John N. Johnson, Secretary.

Dec. 20-22, Savannah, Mo., Rhodes, Judge; S. C. Schmitt, Secretary.

Dec. 24-26, Elgin, Ill., Shellabarger, Judge; M. E. Meredith, Secretary.

Dec. 24-26, Forrest, Ill., Heimlich, Judge; C. C. Johnson, Secretary.

Dec. 24-29, Oakland, Ill., Lane, Judge; O. L. Minter, Secretary.

Dec. 24-29, Oskaloosa, Ia., Shellabarger and Russell, Judges; J. R. Hoover, Sec.

Dec. 25-28, Kalamazoo, Mich., James A. Fucher, Judge; F. A. Hoag, Secretary.

Dec. 25-28, Alleghany, Pa., E. Sites, Judge; Chas. Fuller, Secretary.

Dec. 25-29, Beatrice, Neb., Fite, Judge; Frank E. Lenhart, Secretary.

Dec. 26, Shelby, Ohio, T. E. Orr, Judge; W. O. Smith, Secretary.

Dec. 26-29, Macomb, Ill., Heimlich, J. A. McFatch, Secretary.

Dec. 27-29, Spicard, Mo., Leon A. Tracy, Secretary.

Dec. 31, Kokoma, Ind., Lane, Judge.

Dec. 31-Jan. 2, Gordonsville, Mo., Heimlich, Judge; E. W. Hink, Secretary.

Dec. 31-Jan. 4, Jackson, Mo., Rhodes, Judge; Chas. Behrans, Secretary.

Dec. 31-Jan. 5, Lansing, Mich., J. A. Tucker, Judge; J. A. Turner, Secretary.

Jan. 1, Leipsic, Ohio, T. E. Orr, Judge; H. S. Enck, Secretary.

Jan. 1-5, Madison Square, New York City, H. V. Crawford, Secretary.

Jan. 2-5, South Bend, Wash., Harry H. Collier, Judge; F. M. Heath, Secretary.

Jan. 2-5, Bedford, Ia., Russell, Judge; D. C. Moehler, Secretary.

Jan. 4, Goshen, Ind., T. E. Orr, Judge; Will H. Schadt, Secretary.

Jan. 7, Auburn, N. Y., T. E. Orr, Judge; J. H. Scott, Secretary.

Jan. 7-11, Aurora, Ill. Aurora Poultry Association; Walter M. Smith, Secretary; Frank Heck, Judge.

Jan. 7-11, Denver, Colo., Heimlich, Judge; G. W. Veditz, Secretary.

Jan. 7-12, Auburn, N. Y. Annual meeting of American Poultry Association with Auburn Fanciers' Association. J. H. Scott, Secretary.

Jan. 7-12, Normal, Ill., Pierce, McClave, Tucker, Fite and Heyl, Judges; L. Moore, Secretary.

Jan. 7-12, Topeka, Kans., Heimlich, Judge; D. M. Owen, Secretary.

Jan. 8-10, Lenox, Mass. Honest "Dave" and Shaylor, Judges; L. H. Peters, Secretary.

Jan. 8-11, Middletown, Conn. Graves and Bunnell, Judges; Arthur L. Clark, Secretary.

Jan. 8-11, Dallas, Texas, Lane, Judge; Albert Beeman, Secretary.

Jan. 8-11, Peterboro, N. H., W. H. Spaulding, Secretary.

Jan. 8-12, Sidney, Ohio, Gault and Cram, Judges; Earl Lee, Secretary.

Jan. 8-13, Seattle, Wash., George D. Holden, Judge; N. Anderson, Secretary.

Jan. 9-12, Alameda, Cal. Alameda County Poultry Association, C. G. Hinds, Secretary.

Jan. 9-12, Tiffin, Ohio. Chas. McClave, Judge; V. Crabtree, Secretary.

Jan. 9-13, Chilton, Wis. Chilton Poultry and Pet Stock Association; A. Stransky, Secretary; Frank Heck, Judge.

Jan. 9-15, Detroit, Mich., Richard Oke, H. P. Schwab and S. Butterfield, Judges; T. F. Millsap, Secretary.

Jan. 14-19, Lincoln, Neb., Russell, Rhodes and Shellabarger, Judges; L. P. Ludden, Secretary.

Jan. 14-19, Blackwell, Oklahoma Ter., Fite, Judge; Geo. Carson, Secretary.

Jan. 15-18, Port Huron, Mich., Robt. Taylor, Secretary.

Jan. 15-19, 1907—Kansas City, Mo., P. H. DePree, Secretary.

Jan. 15-19—Angola, Ind. Tri-State P. and P. S. Association, W. K. Sheffer, Secretary.

January 15-19, Scranton, Pa., A. W. Close, Secretary.

Jan. 15-19, Boston, Mass., S. L. Roberts, Secretary.

Jan. 16-20, Charlotte, N. C. Charlotte Poultry Association; W. B. Alexander, Secretary.

Jan. 16-22, Portland, Oregon. Elmer Dixon, Judge; F. Fenwick and E. Carlisle, Secretaries.

Jan. 17, Milwaukee, Wis., T. E. Orr, Judge; C. G. Loeber, Secretary.

Jan. 21-24, Kankakee, Ill., Russell, Judge; E. P. Vining, Secretary.

Jan. 21-25, Salt Lake City, Utah, Heimlich, Judge; C. J. Sanders, Secretary.

Jan. 21-26, Walla Walla, Wash., Elmer Dixon, Judge; J. M. Davis, Secretary.

Jan. 21-26, Adrian, Mich., J. L. Heathcock, Secretary.

Jan. 21-26, Rockford, Ill., Shellabarger, Judge; Chas. S. Gilbert, Secretary.

Jan. 21-26, St. Joseph, Mo., Rhodes; E. L. McDonald, Secretary.

Jan. 22, Fort Wayne, Ind., T. E. Orr, Judge; P. C. Hiller, Secretary.

Jan. 22-26, Ft. Wayne, Ind., Pierce, Judge; J. E. Lentz, Secretary.

Jan. 22-26, Jeffersonville, Ind., Pierce, Judge; J. E. Lentz, Secretary.

Jan. 23-26, Butler, Pa., A. F. Ku, Secretary.

Jan. 28-31, Oelwein, Ia., Russell, Judge; J. R. Perry, Secretary.

Jan. 28-Feb. 1, Mitchell, So. Dakota, Heimlich, Judge; Raymond Thompson, Secretary.

Jan. 28-Feb. 2, Cleveland, Ohio. Cleveland Fancier's Club Co.; F. L. Gruchl, Secretary; 1922 Woodland Ave.

Jan. 28-Feb. 2, Ann Arbor, Mich., J. A. Tucker, Judge; Geo. R. Cooper, Secretary.

Jan. 29, Washington, Pa., T. E. Orr, Judge; Dr. Geo. M. Boone, Secretary.

Jan. 29-Feb. 2, Sault Ste Marie, Mich., Frank W. Travis, Judge; E. W. Burgoyne, Secretary.

Jan. 29-Feb. 2, Concord, Mich., Tucker, Judge; Geo. R. Cooper, Secretary.

Jan. 30-Feb. 1, Cedarvale, Kans., Rhodes, Judge; L. D. Whartendy, Sec.

Jan. 30-Feb. 2—St. Albans, Vt., C. O. Barrett, Secretary.

Jan. 30-Feb. 2, Carthage, Ill., Shellabarger, Judge; N. B. Cutler, Secretary.

Feb. 2-3, Indianapolis, Ind., Lane, Russell, Pierce, Campbell, Rhodes and Barker, Judges; E. A. Pierce, Secretary.

Feb. 3, Cleveland, Ohio, T. E. Orr, Judge; F. L. Gouehl, Secretary.

Feb. 3-10, Brandon, Man., Canada, Shellabarger, Judge; Thomas G. Gouehl, Secretary.

Feb. 5-9, Hudson, Mich. Southern Michigan Poultry Association; Ed. R. West, Secretary; Frank Heck, Judge.

Our Bantam Budget

A Brace of Interesting Contributions Upon a Timely Topic

Why I Breed Buff Cochins Bantams.

Fourteen years experience with practically all the varieties of bantams, Games, Cochins, Rose Combs and Sebrights, has made me eliminate everything but the Buff Cochins Bantams. In them I find the practical ideal all around bantam for any fancier, with enough hard work and interest to produce the required color along with the desired Cochins shape. My environments had a good deal to do with my final selection, for where I am located on a small town lot, 50 x 150, with neighbors on both sides of me who kept poultry, I found it kept me chasing when I had the Game Bantams, but with my Cochins Bantams it is different, a five foot fence keeping them within bounds. The Cochins Bantam, and particularly the Buff, is an ideal one. Unlike most other bantams one does not have to keep foster mothers to rear them. They are tame, good mothers and brooders, proven by the fact that the culls are in great demand by other bantam and pheasant breeders. They tax one's ingenuity to produce good shaped and good colored ones and are the favorite of America, proven by the exhibit at all of our American shows, and when I look back to the second prize winner at the Garden in 1892, which I purchased of Quimby, of the Plains, and compare the other winning birds of those days with our present day ones, one can see the ever pressing forward progress made by our present day breeders. The difference between our American and English breeders has been that we have gone in for color at the expense of shape, while they have gone in for shape at the expense of color, but year by year the breeders on both sides of the water have begun to realize that you cannot sacrifice one strong point at the expense of another, and already one can begin to see the ideal Cochins being produced in Buffs. The White Cochins Bantam breeders have shown us what grand Cochins shape is, and it behooves the Buff breeders to take heed. One, and one of the very strong reasons for the dropping of Game Bantams in favor of Cochins Bantams is because I have taken unto myself a good helpmate, who is a partner indoors as well as out, taking as much interest in my bantams as I do myself, and the idea of dubbing Game Bantams was repugnant to her, so that eliminated them. And besides she kept drawing me the beautiful features and advantages of the Buffs in their favor. Every man, woman and child that has ever come to visit us, or the bantams, has been enthusiastic in their favor. They are the bantams that appeal to the non-fancier as well as to the fancier. They lay a good big egg for their size, one very rich in yolk, and I often have them for household use in the dead of winter. They run very fer-

chicks, can be kept on a small piece of ground, (demonstrated by my raising thirty-three of them to maturity on a plot 50 x 26), stand confinement, do well with very little feed and make themselves real little pets.

In mating Buffs I prefer to mate a dark, or solid buff colored cock, free from all white or black feathers, to about four nicely even colored females. I prefer females with practically one shade of buff from head to tail. These birds should all have a nice deep bay eye, evenly serrated combs, good yellow legs, with plenty of foot feathering. Shape is a main consideration, for without shape you have no breed. Such a pen mated as above ought to produce good birds. In closing I would say that the bantam hobby is for the town lot fancier, who can only breed a few birds. Let him take up bantams, breeding Buff Cochins. He will find enough to keep him busy and tax his skill to win just as much, if not more so, than in the big breeds.

CHARLES JEHL,
Vice-President National
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Long Branch, N. J.

SEBRIGHT BANTAMS.

Editor American Fancier:

I notice your remarks from the "Editor's Perch" in regard to Bantams, particularly what you say regarding Red Pyle Game Bantams, and more particularly your remarks about Silver Sebrights. Regarding the fertility of eggs of the former it has been my experience that a Red Pyle Bantam male is not capable of fertilizing the eggs of more than half the number of females that a Black Red male would. To have Pyle eggs fertilized properly, the owner of the birds must keep close account of the eggs from each pen. To start with, no Pyle male should be given more than five females, and even then results must be watched, and if a large per cent of the eggs are not fertile, or, if fertile, and chicks do not fully develop and die in the shell, or, if chicks hatch and are puny and weak. You can generally get a better hatch and stronger chicks by taking two or three and even four hens away from him, and allow only one, two or three with him, as the case may require. Trouble with too many of our American would-be Bantam breeders is, they want to rush, and to rush by allowing too many females with Bantam males, or at least several varieties; yes, I might add, all the breeds of Bantams is to rush down hill instead of up the grade. For very best results, in more ways than just fertility of eggs, and strong vigorous chicks, give me the male mated with one, two or three females that are just exactly suited in all principal qualities to be bred to him. I prefer to raise twenty chicks, actually worth to any man, for exhibition or breeding, \$200; than to breed and raise the sort that \$200

would be a large price for one hundred specimens. I have pens mated this year that there are no eggs for sale from, as the eggs are worth to me \$1.00 each, at the least, and it would take nearly or quite all the stamps of a second-class post office to mail letters enough to convince the most men who raise Bantams that there was ever a Bantam egg worth \$1.00, so we "cut it out," and will try to raise a few ourselves to look at.

Regarding the Sebrights, the Silvers in particular, as there is more trouble in getting fertile eggs, that hatch strong and hardy chicks from them, than the Goldenes, I will again repeat that two or three females is a plenty for the best male. A Silver male, that after shedding his chick feathers, does not show indications of sickles, the two top or upper feathers of the tail do not project from one-half to one inch farther than the main tail feathers, with comparatively a large comb, wattles and lobe, I would not retain as a breeder, and expect to get chicks. This same male may, and probably will breed a few chicks if mated to one hen, and he may not, and if he does, his get, that is, his male get, will in most cases be entirely useless except to show. Save the vigorous, gallant fellow, with large, well-formed comb, and suspicion of sickles. When he sheds his feathers as a yearling he will be hen-tailed, and fit to show and breed as a cock. Now to the amateur, don't from what has been written, conclude the more sickle the cockerel has the better bird he will be as a breeder. Not so, I said save the one with a suspicion of sickles. If they are more than a suspicion, don't use him as a breeder, or the next you will notice is a suspicion of the hackles and saddles, and come more near the real thing, and then "its a barbeque for ours." The above is the rule, yet I have kept and bred from hen tailed cockerels, but they were very masculine in heads. Why, as a rule, such are sterile, I never had time or brains enough to ferret out. "Give it up."

"ZIM."

SCHILLING REPLIES TO RADFORD

Editor American Fancier:

I noticed by the May 5th issue of The American Fancier that I have succeeded in getting a reply from Mr. Radford, which I failed to receive to my last letter to him personally.

Mr. Radford starts in by quoting from my article of April 21st and charges that my statement regarding his failure to reply to me is an untruth. However, he "contradicts himself in his own article," by stating "after getting Mr. Schilling's second letter I could plainly see that there was no need to argue the case further with him."

According to this statement, I believe Mr. Radford had an idea that by ignoring my last letter to him, the matter would die a natural death. This I am not inclined to allow, as I consider the matter too serious, and unjust to myself and the unsuspecting public, who are naturally led to believe by reading Mr. Radford's advertisement that those winners were included in his purchase. Again Mr. Radford states, "after the show I corresponded directly with Mr. B. O. Schilling and in time purchased every bird that he owned."

Evidently "Mr. Radford's dream" has been a pleasant one, for he doesn't

seem to awaken to the fact that he did not purchase our entire flock, and that he has not a New York winner in his lot, but only one second prize Boston and State Fair winner. Mr. Radford knows, and I stated plainly to him, in the presence of his father and also Mr. Prager, that he could not purchase certain individual winners at any price, as I intended to retain them for our own breeding pens, and these together with nine others of the choicest exhibition and breeding birds I had my brother ship to us at Norwood Park, about March 15th. Mr. Radford received his lot some time before this date. Now, if Mr. Radford will pull himself together and gather up his thoughts we will give him another guess. I believe he has also forgotten that I have his only letter to me, in which he states, "I knew that I did not purchase all of the winners." This statement together with the other facts above mentioned, I am sure, are proof enough that Mr. Radford's advertisement is a misrepresentation, pure and simple. How ridiculous for him to presume that we would allow him to advertise the purchase of all our stock and let him get the benefit of our years of breeding and show records simply because he purchased our surplus stock, while I retain the foundation stock and commence all over anew.

I shall again take Mr. Radford at his own statement, where he says, "My claim of winners at New York, Boston, Hagerstown, and other leading shows, is so general that it can work no harm to any person who may have purchased individual winners." His first claim of winners has already been disproved, but I wish to call your attention to a bit of clever deceptive "ad." writing, as he himself says, "My adv is so general, etc." Here you can readily see, in fact, he admits that the unsuspecting public or prospective purchaser would be led to believe by reading his "ad" that he owned the entire stock and that all these winners were in his yards. Further along, he refers to our "ad" as not being contradictory to his own, and that we ought to make know our winnings in our "ad." I fear if we were to advertise the winning of every Buff Cochins Bantam we own we would have a larger sized "ad." than we think advisable to use at the present time.

I am also sure it does not take a Philadelphia lawyer to see that these advertisements are decidedly contradictory.

Again, Mr. Radford presumptuously intimates that my reference to Rock Hill Farm was intended to take credit to myself not due me. I wish to recall Mr. Radford's mind to the most vital facts and inform him that his presumptuous mind is drifting and just as soon as he will come back to earth and get down to facts, it will be unnecessary to waste so much valuable space and printer's ink of The American Fancier. My reference to this was to show to the readers that these birds were owned by others and were not in his yards. I know his "ad" does not affect them any, as they have received the value of their money, but he is taking credit and liberties not his own. To close, I will state that I can produce affidavits to the effect that Mr. Radford, of Oshkosh, Wis., did not purchase the entire flock of Buff Cochins Bantams owned by us, and that he was told and knew it.

B. O. SCHILLING.



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In the eighties when Silver Wyandottes enjoyed their unfortunate boom which came near relegating them to oblivion, they enjoyed a great reputation as layers of large brown eggs. We bought and sold many Wyandotte eggs in those days and found a good market for them. Mr. Geo. E. Howell at the same time had similar favorable experience with Silver Wyandotte eggs. Then came a period of indiscriminate breeding and everything that had laced feathers passed for a Silver Wyandotte and the variety in the color, size and shape of the eggs became very noticeable and injured the reputation of the Wyandotte as a laying fowl to great extent. Even today there are strains that lay eggs smaller than those laid by White Leghorns. This is not only true of Silver but of White Wyandottes as well. There is no better all-round fowl than the Wyandotte when properly bred, but neglecting the egg producing qualities will put them in the "has been" class as far as utility fowls are concerned. The Rhode Island Red has been shrewdly and persistently boomed as a practical fowl for eggs and table and if Dot and Rock breeders are not more careful the Reds will give their favorites the Merry Ha-Ha. Fanciers who derided the Reds as a mongrel fowl some years ago, are now becoming convinced that they are up against a very stiff competitor in the open market.

Chicken pox has afflicted in serious form Bronze Turkeys in some of the Southern States and a few cases have been reported in the East. As the turkey crop has not been as large as the trade required in the past year, the outlook for next season, with chicken pox to fight, is not very brilliant. There are many good farms in the East that afford excellent range for growing turkeys and it seems a pity to think that farmers have given up raising these really profitable fowl. The extra labor and care in starting turkeys in life last only a month or six weeks; after that they will take care of themselves if provided with a suitable range. The prices first-class Eastern grown turkeys bring should act as an inducement to increase the output.

We are pleased to learn that Mattison and Dutcher are not out of the Buff Wyandotte business. Both Mr. Dutcher and Mr. Mattison are so busy with important manufacturing interests that little or no time is left for their pets at present. Mr. Dutcher writes that they still have a few good ones and expect to raise some choice samples so as to be able to show a few at some future time. And when that time comes, there will be something doing in Buff alley at New York and Boston. Their great record at past shows is a safe speculation as to what their line of blood can produce.

The following extract from a letter written by Mr. A. O. Schilling, Chicago, Ill., is a pointer for advertisers: "We are getting a great many inquiries from our advertisement in The American Fancier and they are of the right sort, and have already several fine sales under way. We care more for this class of inquiries than those which one receives by the dozen but which never amount to anything." Quality of circulation tells every time and that is what The American Fan-

cier prides itself on. To produce the best paper for the best fanciers is our aim.

Mr. Charles Jehl, Long Branch, N. J., drove over to our farm at Red Bank, N. J., a few days ago, looked the birds over and talked chicken for several hours. It was enjoyable to go over old times at the Madison Square Garden and elsewhere, for "Charley" has been a familiar figure there ever since the New York Show started in the new Garden in 1891. He also reminded us that he was the first subscriber to The American Fancier when it was started in 1893, and has been with it ever since. He is breeding his old-time favorites, Buff Cochins, and they are of the choicest brand, of course, as his winnings at the Garden will show. "Charley" has built a model bantam house of which he is very proud. We shall give a description and illustration of this building shortly, as it contains some novel features.

The annual catalogue of the International Bantam Breeder's Club has just been issued. It is a most attractive and interesting little book, nicely illustrated and containing some pithy articles on bantam culture. This Western club is doing good work in helping and encouraging the breeding and exhibiting of all varieties of bantams in the West. Mr. E. J. W. Dietz, Downer's Grove, Ill., is the president, and Mr. Frank W. Radford, Oshkosh, Wis., is the secretary. A stamp sent to either of the latter will secure a copy of catalogue.

The following letter was written by Mr. Chas. F. Ramsay to the editor of our English contemporary, Pigeons and Poultry:

"I notice a letter in your paper on size of Bantams, written by Mr. Clery. These few notes greatly interested me, and are worthy of comment. Mr. Clery speaks of the smallness of Bantams for exhibition. Bantam fanciers are aware that judges go for smallness before anything, especially in Game.

"Now, as I am an Old English Spangle Game breeder, I feel that it is my duty to say a few words on this subject. I speak with human feeling. If our Bantam judges will insist on going for smallness, then I say it is encouraging cruelty, and the poor little beggars must suffer the penalty of starvation, to keep down their size for the gratification of mankind! Surely there is more beauty in our little pets when properly developed, and full of health and vigour, than in this miserable dwarf production of the present day!

"We have a law passed in our country to protect the wild birds from being cruelly treated. Then why cannot we fanciers take a lesson from the wild bird protection, and let our judges encourage the well developed ones, of good shape, markings, etc., and not dwell on smallness so much? If a fancier wants to be successful he must keep down the size under the present day judging. And so long as our judges go for smallness then this cruel treatment will continue. It would be better to leave exhibitions alone, and nourish your little pets!

Could there not be a line drawn as to a certain weight, as Mr. Clery suggests? Then our little pets may strut about joyfully. I should be pleased to hear the opinion of brother fanciers."

We believe Mr. Ramsay voices the sentiment of all thinking and experienced bantam fanciers in what he says regarding smallness of size. The abuse he speaks of is not confined to England alone; it has been apparent in this country in numerous instances for the past decade. The idea that the smaller the bantam, the better the bird, seems to have taken a firm root in some of our judge's minds. In order to stop this mistaken notion the new Standard of Perfection very plainly intimates that the bird nearest the Standard weight, other points be-

ing equal, is the most typical. This should stop the awarding of prizes to the little wasters that have nothing except color and smallness of size to attract the judge's eye. Typical shape in such specimens, especially in Game Bantams, is out of the question. Reach, development of shoulders, body, back thighs and legs that can be found in a twenty ounce specimen will be a minus quality in a twelve or fourteen ounce starling. Some of the best Red Pyle Game Bantam adult males will often exceed the Standard weight a trifle, but no experienced breeder objects to that. There is and must be a limit as to smallness of size, as birds much under standard weights are undesirable as breeders.

The illustration on our title page this week is reproduced from an old photograph sent to us by Mr. Arthur D. Murphy, Biddeford, Maine, a number of years ago. It is certainly a picturesque and interesting study of the possibilities and beauties of wild and domesticated water-fowl culture. Mr. Murphy's collection of the web-footed feathered races was a large and valuable one, and no more attractive scene can be imagined than a small lake with the natural beauties of the shore, as seen in the illustration, stocked with the different varieties of Swan, Ducks and Geese. Keeping wild water-fowl in confinement is not as difficult as is commonly supposed; in fact, when once the modus operandi is thoroughly mastered is far less trouble than taking care of a lot of domesticated and plebian hens in small enclosures and houses. Although most of these lakes and parks are kept by the wealthy for pleasure, there is a good business connected with such provided the game-keeper is looking after revenue from the sale of surplus water-fowl bred on his preserves. Carolina and Mandarin Ducks always command good prices. Swans are usually very high in price, and scarce besides. Grey Calls are easily bred and reared and command steady and remunerative markets. There are many small ponds and lakes that can be made attractive and useful when used for water-fowl culture, that nine times out of ten are useless and unprofitable except to the camera fiend who has an eye for beauty, especially the picturesque in nature.

There has been a great demand for Peacock feathers, and, of course, the supply of Peafowl is limited. It seems that the demand for these gorgeous and noisy birds is unusually large. The rush to produce Peacock feathers will continue, no doubt, and about the time a big supply of these brilliant millinery attachments are on hand, the fashion will change and they will become a drug in the market. Still, Peacocks command good prices, as a rule, even where their feathery charms are not of any great commercial consequence. Peafowl are about as congenial as Guineas and that makes them rather unpopular with the majority of poultry farmers. The much despised skunk is not congenial, but when bred on properly constructed farms is very profitable. Perhaps the Peafowl can be isolated and kept on specially built preserves and placed in charge of a retired iceman or dog-catcher. It will make an uncongenial crowd all around, and fenced besides.

Arthur O. Shilling's cover illustration on the current issue of White's Class Advertising is a very fine piece of work, the color effect being particularly good. The herd of Hereford cattle look like the breed and need no label to identify them. The herder is pictured in true Remington style. Artist Schilling is only a youngster, starting a few years ago as a delineator of chickens, and making rapid improvement in his work in that direction. Since he has been under the wing of the energetic Frank B. White, his work in cattle and horse illustrations has indicated a decided and superior talent. There is a big future in store for that boy, but keep your dome from cracking your hat-band, Arthur.

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Mr. John Rumbold has an interesting article on Light Brahmas on another page of The American Fancier this week. There is no stauncher or more loyal friend of the Light Brahma than the Secretary of the American Light Brahma Club. We have known "Uncle John" Rumbold for the past twenty years and admit having had a number of warm arguments with him, but the one fact remained pre-eminent, no man could change his opinion as to the merits of Light Brahmas, nor convince him that the score-card was wrong. This is just what wins out for the "Old Crank," as he is often called by his friends and others who are not very brotherly toward him. Loyalty and honesty of purpose and conviction are the stock in trade of "Uncle John." That is why we like to read what he writes on his favorite subjects, and as far as his remarks on Light Brahmas are concerned, we are of the opinion that Mr. Rumbold is right in regard to the Standard illustrations. The tendency to Cochinize the Light Brahma was very noticeable a few years ago and numerous specimens were awarded prizes at leading shows that had the fluffy body and cushion of the Cochin. The Brahma type is a very distinct one and bears no resemblance whatever to the modern high-bred Cochin.

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What Mr. Rumbold says regarding Light Brahmas as layers is timely. There was a time when these handsome fowls stood in the front rank as layers. We remember having a flock of thirty pullets that averaged 155 eggs per capita a year and "Uncle Isaac" Felch, the veteran champion of Light Brahmas, several decades ago and a staunch friend of them to-day, had flocks that averaged over 160 eggs per capita for the year. Mr. Felch's brother, we believe, had a flock that laid as high as 172 eggs per hen a year. That was going some in those days, and it was a record not only in numbers laid, but in quality of the eggs as well. Trap nests were not used at that time to find the best layers, the experienced and observant eye of the owner of a choice flock of hens took the place of the now more or less famous trap-nest of to-day.

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The quickest way to get a laying strain is to select the best laying hen in the flock—and that is no difficult matter for the trained eye of a good poultryman to do—set and hatch all the chickens possible, mate the pullets to their sire and the hen that laid the eggs to one of her cockerels. This will start two pens of the same strain

on an egg-producing line of pullets, which can be inbred for years to come by careful selection of the strongest and most vigorous females, never losing sight of the size, shape and appearance of the egg when selecting eggs for hatching. A good start is everything for in this case, at least, "Like Begets Like." The finest lot of Silver Wyandotte eggs we ever saw came from a strain that was built up from the eggs laid by one hen, a remarkable layer of large, tinted brown eggs. It is a pleasure to handle a uniform lot of eggs, i. e., in size, shape and color. The above method will produce such.

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Mr. F. W. Hughson, manager of the Mundy Farms, Big Flats, N. Y., sold all his exhibition coops and birds to S. G. Hoke, Spring Forge, Pa. A small classified advertisement in The American Fancier did the work in a few days after the goods and stock were offered for sale.

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Mr. John C. Sharp has returned to Taunton, Mass., after a winter's travel abroad, in excellent health, which will please his numerous friends in the fancy, as Mr. Sharp was far from well when he sailed for Europe. He will be ready to extend the glad hand to the visiting fanciers at the next Boston Show. The latter promises to be a record breaker in incubator and display line, more space than ever having been spoken for, and as the Honorable Secretary, Samuel H. Roberts remarks: "We will show the greatest line of poultry appliances, etc., at the next Boston Show that was ever shoved into one room."

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Beginning with the June issue, the Eastern Poultryman, Kent's Hill, Maine, will be consolidated with the Western Poultry Journal, of Cedar Rapids, Iowa. We congratulate Editor Richards on his enterprise in enlarging the field of his excellent and reliable publication.

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Photographing fowls is no cinch, it is an art. One of our readers found that out recently and is a sadder and wiser man, thoroughly convinced that he is the duce in the pack when it comes to showing his hand at photography. He writes of his experience as follows: "The hardest job I ever undertook was to photo a lot of fowls. They will stand anyway on earth except the way you want them to, and as to their standing up on their legs it is out of the question, squat they will in spite of all you can do. And then the camera is 2½ to 3 feet higher than they are, and that takes a back view and hides the legs. I lost the use of a fine hen, trying to get a single picture of her. She flopped, jumped and kicked up the mischief in general, sprained her leg or put it out of joint and hasn't walked a step since." It takes much patience and fine manipulation to get a good picture of fowl. Mr. Lewis who is an expert in such matters has spent hours in trying to get good negatives of a few birds and the amount of patience he exhibited would drive an ordinary mortal stark mad if he had to keep up the work day after day.

John C. Sharp

DOES LIKE BEGET LIKE.

By Carl W. Lenz, in Ohio Poultry Journal.

Many beginners are misled in the supposition that purchasing a pair of prize winners or eggs from the same are bound to produce winners; some do, but a good many others do not. If the mating is proper, you will be liable to get a good proportion of high class birds. Birds must be mated to a fixed standard or else we are liable to produce a lot of culls. To many the phrase of "like begets like" is familiar, but how few of us can give an explanation of the same, with the rules that govern? Many breeders recognize this principle, and practice alone has given them the power to mate with good results; they know how to produce the result, but the reason and explanation of the same they are unable to give. To breed correctly we must have an ideal fixed in our mind that bears out the requirements of the standard of that breed; then we can mate with some degree of success. A good definition of the phrase of "like begets like" is that the essential qualities of the parents will be transmitted to the offspring. Opposed to this law of principle, we might say, are the laws of variation and atavism. Variation is described as being the tendency of a reversion to the original type.

The following rules to a certain extent have a partial control upon the principle of like producing like: First, the purity of the breeding; second, the length of such purity of breeding; third, the closeness of the relationship of the parents. The longer we breed pure the remoter is the tendency to revert to the original type, and up to a certain point the closer we inbreed the less liability of producing characteristics of resemblance opposed to the parents. A uniformity of type should be the guiding star of the breeder. The possession of the secrets of this law has been the means of the Arabians producing the most highly prized horses in the world to-day. Surrounding conditions many times serve to modify the law of "like begets like," especially neglect, which tends to a degeneration. Without this law it would be impossible to make an improvement in breeding. In other words, evolution hinges upon this law. Place a mixed flock of thoroughbreds together, and immediately degeneration from the original type takes place, and the process of moulding a new breed has begun; but, on the other hand, properly select a flock, and improvement will be the order. Here the law of atavism steps in, and a variation of the type in some sought for characteristic is produced. By breeding this characteristic we intensify the production of the same, and stamp its good qualities into the flock. Prepotency, or the superior power the one parent has over the other in determining the character of the offspring, has much to do with the improvement of the law of "like begets like," for the reason that if parent's power of transmission is strong enough to stamp certain desirable qualities upon its offspring, a step toward improvement has taken place. As stated above, purity of breeding is one of the rules that govern like producing like. By this is meant that alien blood or new blood in certain instances will disturb the transmission of the qualities as it fails to har-

monize with the elements of the original; in other words, to use an expression familiar to poultrymen, it does not "nick." The length of the purity of breeding is another dominant factor in transmission, for the reason that the longer we breed within certain limits the more frequent is the general type produced; or, in other words, the longer we breed a certain type the more fixed does the same become, and its liability to be transmitted enhanced. The third rule of the closer the blood relationship the more apt are the qualities to be transmitted; in other words, inbreeding to a certain point intensifies the type bred from.

The writer recognizes the general cry that is raised in regard to breeding, but in justification we wish to say that without this practice it is impossible to obtain a fixed type. When good, healthy specimens are used to eradicate certain features no evil will result, but on the contrary the good points become intensified and fixed, and a step nearer perfection has been gained. This is easily seen in that the progeny of closely related animals bear a closer resemblance to the parents than those of more distant relationship. This is caused by the stronger affinity or power of adhering that the elements of one bear to the elements of the more foreign. After we have fixed a type to guide us, and use parents closely adhering to these lines, we are more apt to produce counterparts than were the lines of breeding farther apart. The transmission seldom if ever takes place in equal parts, for the reason that in one the power of transmitting certain qualities is stronger than in the other, and, therefore, the stronger overshadows the weaker, and we strike a composite.

The lesson to be drawn from this is that birds should be bred as pure as possible within certain lines, and according to a fixed type; that inbreeding should be used to stamp the good qualities of the one upon the other, and thereby decrease the undesirable qualities; this makes the improvement. From this it will be seen that the ideal can never be reached as latent, inherent defects will crop out and overshadow the good qualities.

A Record for Kent.

A duck belonging to Mr. Thomas Dryland, of Sellindge, laid an enormous egg weighing 9 ounces and measuring ten and a half by eight and a half inches. This is believed to be a record in the district.

Patient Man and Egg.

If one were asked to name the most patient man on earth, the reply would probably be—Paul Cinquevalli. The famous feat of throwing up a hen's egg and catching it on a plate without breaking it necessitated nine years of constant practice.

BIG SALE.

Editor American Fancier:

I sold on May 9th, through my advertisement in The American Fancier, to S. G. Hoke, Spring Forge, Pa., all my Asiatics, Games, Polish, Hamburgs, a few Orpingtons, American and Mediterranean varieties and sixty-two exhibition coops.

F. W. HUGHSON,
Manager Mundy Farms.
Big Flats, N. Y., May 12, 1906.

Farm, Field and Garden

BY G. O. BROWN

For late cabbage try this plan in your garden. Prepare the hills by digging out and putting in a good forkful of well-rotted barnyard manure, cover this with about three inches of soil, level the hills so they will be a little higher than the surrounding surface. Plant three seeds in each hill. When plants are large enough thin out to one plant. Those thinned out can be set out where desired.

Encourage the children by giving them some space for a garden. Let them have what they can make from it. Ownership encourages industry and develops business habits. Interested busy hands do not find time for mischief or unhealthy idleness.

It is claimed that Von Bering, the German scientist, has discovered a specific virus whereby dairy cows can be inoculated and become immune from tuberculosis. It is also claimed people using milk and cream from such immunized cows are themselves rendered proof against the ravages of the disease.

Cucumbers and melons can be planted on bits of inverted sod, or take old turnips, cut them through centre the round way, dig out to make a receptacle for soil then plant seed. Set the sod or turnip shells close together in hot bed and nature will do the rest. Plants started in this way can get considerable growth, and then be taken up and set out, sod or turnip and all in hills where they are to grow. They can bid defiance to Mr. Stripedbug, and will be earlier than those that are planted in the open.

The garden that does not have a plenty of the various kinds of small fruits is not perfect. The old-time gardens, where currents, gooseberries, blackberries, raspberries; and hollyhocks, phlox, Sweet Williams, etc., that grew feasts for the eyes as well as for the stomach, were ideals, that in these days of plenty of means should again become popular.

A so-called practical farmer out in Indiana, it is said, is using "his automobile to pump water, run a corn-sheller and saw wood." A practical farmer that would own an automobile should be expelled from the grange. But, after all, I'll bet it is the man who rigged up his grindstone in bicycle style and made the son who wanted a bike do stunts grinding scythes.

If the canes of your small fruits have been winter-killed at the tips, as soon as they are in leaf cut back to live wood.

Get berry boxes, crates, etc., sometime before they will be needed. If you wait too long before ordering you will get caught with the other "tomorrow" men who are waiting for the good that should have "come" long ago.

Hanging baskets, made of wire, specially for the purpose, when filled with trailing or running plants and various plants that flower often add grace and beauty to the porch.

Save all the soapsuds to throw around the plants, as there is specially suitable fertilizing elements in it for flowering plants.

A bouquet on the breakfast table if the flowers come from your own garden is doubly enjoyable—their beauty and freshness is pleasant to see, and the delightful odors are pleasant reminders of happy health-giving moments spent in their culture.

Don't forget to give the children a garden chance. The expense is an investment in morals, health, content, self pride and ownership, which is always the stepping stone to good business principles.

Farmers should see that they give only what the law requires for a bushel. There are instances where farmers have been giving sixty pounds of corn for a bushel when a State law calls for fifty-eight. Dealers who will take such an advantage should be looked out for.

The recent severe May frosts have proven a costly lesson to those who venture too far and are always a little "previous" with some garden crops that require good warmed up soil and settled warm weather.

Do not work the horses too hard in the spring. Grade up gradually to a hard full day's plowing. If there is a chance at the end of the rows, while the team is resting, let them nibble at the new grass. Give the team a drink during the day while at work, not all they will drink, but a little to freshen them up, same as it does yourself.

Have comfortable shelter for the sheep to run to after they are sheared. Remaining outdoors during rain storms, especially at night, is apt to produce disagreeable colds that will cause running at the nostrils.

Do not depend too greatly on any one crop unless you are a specialist fixed for the best results. Even then it is wiser to have more than one dependable source to draw from for a living. The good old plan of following a well-tried rotation plan is best for the general farmer.

A successful hog raiser says: He weans the pigs when two months old. Gives the weak ones a separate pen and yard. First feeds warm new milk, after that warm skim milk with some shorts, increasing shorts daily until feed is like a porridge. With each barrel of feed mixes a quart oil meal. When three months old are given a ration of equal parts of shorts and either crushed wheat or barley. A forkful of unthreshed peas is given every day.

Don't forget to plant pumpkin seed this season. In some sections pumpkins masquerade as squashes and vice versa. Either will taste and be as good by either name. They are excellent for all kinds of live stock, and a real necessity for celebrating Thanksgiving Day as it should be observed.

The squash bug is a discouraging pest. Its depredations may be greatly prevented by putting some tobacco dust on the soil around the plants, not on the plants. Saw dust impregnated with turpentine also answers. A teaspoonful of saltpetre dissolved in a quart of water and the plants sprinkled is also claimed to be effective.

So-called scientific farming is the business application of methods that have been tried and proven will bring certain results. The high-class accomplishment in any occupation is in a sense a science, and such results have been evolved from the fertile brain of experts.

If the farming and home methods are right neither the boys or the girls are hankering to get to the cities or towns. They fully realize that "man made the cities and God made the country."

The New York Farmers' Institutes are conspicuously aiding agriculture in the Empire State. Last winter 280 institutes were held in the State, giving 1,150 sessions. Total attendance was 125,000.

The chemical analysis of fertilizers do not always ascertain their correct value as plant foods. The analysis of barnyard manure may not show much value, but the combining of its ingredients with the soil produces plant foods the analysis makes no record of. The humus introduced changes soil conditions, which help store nitrogen. Chemical fertilizers are merely plant forcers that do not improve the soil.

Mr. Billups, at his city boarding-house, says he don't have to go to the park or country to tell when spring has come. The grassy flavor of the butter, the garlic taste in the milk, and the uncertain contents of the soft-boiled eggs, and the spring onion breath of his landlady are convincing evidence.

Black knot in plum and cherry trees can be gotten rid of by cutting out all of the affected wood. You will be surprised to find how rapidly the trees will take to growing after they are free from the objectionable, unsightly growths.

The undue forcing with feed for milk production on dairy farms is beginning to show undesirable results. The calves from dairy cows seem to be exceedingly delicate, often having fatal scours and other ailments. It is natural to expect such results where cows are kept stabled, and get no exercise, and are treated as mere machines or milk factories. You cannot trespass too far on nature's laws without paying the penalties.

Use either wire screens or mosquito net cloth over the stable windows this summer, and aim to make the stable as free from fly pests as possible.

The modern dairy barn, with its many conveniences, would be a miraculous revelation to the farmers who used to milk their cows cornered in rail pens. The evolution in dairy cows, and the dairy business in general, has simply been marvelous.

I have been recently taking out some red cedar fence posts that have been in use forty years. They are still in good condition, even the portion that was in the ground. Red cedar trees that grow along fence rows should be allowed to remain until they are large enough for posts.

Alfalfa is destined to become one of the greatest and most valuable

forage crops in this country. All kinds of live stock are fond of it—even the poultry.

Farm help, on farms near large cities is becoming a worrying problem. Farm hands are difficult to secure at all seasons. Labor-saving machines, which farmers were at first so prejudiced against, are in a sense, now, their salvation.

Silage has come to stay. There is silage corn and silage corn so be sure to select the best seed. There is corn that is scant in foliage, and some has many leaves, broad and long.

Gradually the old-time method of deep culture of corn and hilling has passed away. Shallow culture, it is conceded, gets the best results. The method is also more drought resisting than the old way. Keeping the frequently stirred to a depth of three or four inches acts as a moisture conservator, and is a constant weed killer. Such culture soon makes a field quite free from weed pests.

It is now time to engage your canned stuff for the summer boarding season in the country. Billup's says he's "just traded a bear trap for three bully hammocks with deep valliance on 'em." He says he's got a Chinese cook and the boarders will have a time guessing what the cooked dishes are.

Now that the Government free seed farce is to be continued, the distribution will bring bigger crops of disappointment and trouble than anything else. Oh, this sad desire to get something for nothing, which always results in giving something for nothing.

Dairy farming adds to instead of subtracting from the fertility of the farm and the dairymen leaves to posterity the land over which he has held stewardship in better condition than he found it. Dairying adds to the profits of the farm without making much difference to the other branches of farming carried on. Mixed farming is recognized as the best and where dairying is included with the other branches will be found the most progressive of all farming. It fits in and rounds out perfect farming, it fills a place that cannot be filled by any other industry with the same degree of financial success. Dairying is the highest form of agriculture. The dairy farmer grows crops to feed his cows and makes his money from the products of the herd. He becomes a manufacturer of finished goods from raw products and sells his manufactured goods to the consumer, taking to himself all the profits the manufacturer usually gets. Where dairying comes the principal business of neighborhood more cows are kept but other stock do not disappear, for progressive dairymen understand the value of calves and appreciate the fact that money may be made raising them and pigs are kept to turn the skim milk into good money. It is not to be wondered that dairy farming has been looked upon as an honorable calling from the earliest times and the products of the dairy farm have risen in price and increased in use until now it has grown to be an immense and profitable branch of business connected with agriculture.—E. L. Morris, (Indiana) in Epitomist.

Did you ever ask yourself the question why your hens don't lay?

Pricking eggs with pins before laying doesn't speak well for the egg.

Planting Roots for Stock.

Well drained bottom land, enriched with barnyard manure, and plowed either in the fall or early spring, is very fine for roots. Sow the seed as early as possible when freezing weather is past, and do not fail to test the seed, as it is very often of poor germinating power. The amount of seed required per acre depends upon the power that will germinate. Six pounds per acre of good seed is sufficient for such crops as beets, mangles, etc.

As soon as the rows can be plowed the thinning should begin, and this is a very important part of growing a successful crop. I take an eight inch blade hoe and keep it well sharpened, cutting out plants in row, leaving only in a place, eight inches apart. I sow in rows twenty-two inches wide, which admits of horse cultivation, and continue plowing until the lower leaves begin to turn yellow.—E. A. Croman, Jackson County, Mich., in Farm and Home.

Truck Growing Secrets.

A Delaware writer in Farm and Home gives some very practical suggestions, many of which can be advantageously followed in the future.

Keep plenty of vegetable matter in the soil by the use of clover, cowpeas, or manure.

Don't be afraid of getting too much commercial phosphate under the crop, except nitrate of soda, which should be used as a top dressing on all pulverized plants.

Get soil in the best pulverized condition before seed or plant is put in. There should be plenty, or much stirring of the soil, so as not to let grass or weeds get through the ground. The dryer the soil the better for doing this.

As soon as one crop is out put another in that the season will mature.

Save your own seed, or buy the best seed at four times the cost, if necessary.

Seed sown in March and April should be covered shallow, not rolled; sown in May or June, deeper by rolling seed in row and loosening soil on top.

The most important part is to harvest your crops and get the most money out of them without having consumers tell you that they paid too much for them.

Do not gather vegetables in the afternoon or evening, but in the early morning. Get them into the consumers' hands as soon as possible; you will never gain anything by selling a stale vegetable. Better give it to your stock.

Running Plants.

The very many hardy plants that possess trailing or running (climbing) habits enable one to do considerable in adorning unsightly places. Perhaps one of the most attractive of these sort is the Crimson Rambler rose. It is an exceedingly vigorous grower, making enormous growth each season, and when in flower its magnificent cluster of highly colored bloom makes it a conspicuous and handsome picture. Its growth is graceful and the foliage is bright and attractive. There are a number of other roses that are also runners. Clematis when once established is very beautiful with its characteristic bloom. For a tall post which is topped with a bird house, the

moon flower glories is especially suitable. The new morning glories are very handsome, and their continuous blooming habit make them very desirable. For the ends of side porches they afford a perfect screen.

If some moon flowers are planted with them there will be flower beauties day and night. If you have never watched the opening of the moon flowers in the evening there is a very interesting treat for you in store. Cobra Scandens is another rapid climber, and old time popular plant. Virginia Creeper is a good vine where one desires a permanently established runner. It has a habit, however, of spreading where not wanted. The gourd family should not be overlooked when selecting for unique or unusual effects. The fruit of the gourds are quite ornamental, and often of considerable use for various purposes. The list of annual trailing plants are varied enough to suit almost anyone. With judicious use of them the home surroundings can be very attractively improved, and often unsightly places made conspicuous for attractive beauty. These plants can be had of florists in pots, already started and ready for setting out.

In the Orchard.

Low headed trees are growing in favor, not only because they are apt to suffer less from the wind, but because they protect the bodies from sunscald, says New York Farmer. Early prunings should be made to produce these low heads.

Pruning should also be done to prevent bad habits of growth, to prevent undesirable and crowded limbs, and to take off occasional suckers and water sprouts, bearing in mind always not to prune too severely. In the case of the neglected orchard, care should be taken not to remove too much brush at once.

Cut out the worst this year, and remove some more next year. If necessary, limbs three to four inches in diameter may be removed, but the stubs must be painted at once. White lead paint is the best material for this, all things considered.

Better break up the sod with a disk, if one is available. If a plow has to be used, it must be run very shallow, or too many roots will be broken. Continued disking when the soil is moist will cut up the sod pretty well.

If the "head of the house" can not see the benefit of cultivation in an orchard, or thinks he must use the orchard for pasture or meadow, see what can be done by pruning the trees for two or three years. Try pruning on the near approach of the growing season.

Unleached wood ashes would do the trees good. Professor French recommended sowing ashes broadcast under the trees, just so they whiten the ground; the nearer they cover all the soil under which there are roots, the better.

Every business of any magnitude should have a man who does nothing but observe. That is the advice given by White's Class Advertising. The main trouble is that too many people in business observe this literally, so the business never grows to any magnitude. This applies to the poultry business as well as any other.

Methods of Milking.

Methods of milking have much influence on the quantity of milk given by the cow and some think that a faulty method also affects the proportion of butter fat in the milk. At a recent meeting of the British Dairy Association the subject was discussed and an interesting paper was read by Primrose McConnell on the subject. He described the stripping methods as that in which the fingers are forcibly drawn down the teat, sometimes done with energy, as if the milker was drawing the milk down from the horns of the cow. If the teats are scratched in the least, or chapped, this rough process opens and keeps irritated the broken skin so that there will be a considerable soreness, inevitably resulting in a decrease of the yield. The squeezing method is much better. The operator grasps the teat, and the arms and elbows moving, squeezes it only, without any pulling, and no cessation of the sound, for the stream is started from one teat before it is stopped to take a new hold on the other. The principal superiority of this method lies in the fact that it deals gently with the teat, so that where there is a tendency to soreness the sores are not continually reopened, and thus the animal stands more quietly during the operation. Sores heal up more quickly, new ones are not formed, and consequently the animal will be a better milker. A cow that could hardly be made to submit to the former method may stand quietly during the latter.

Killing Poison Ivy.

A Wisconsin man says he kills poison ivy (poison oak) in this way: With a good sharp spade cut the ground deeply, then rake out all the roots with a sharp hoe. Then cut over the ground again, raking out all that shows itself. Poison ivy does not grow in cultivated ground. Therefore cultivation will kill it.

In lawns and places where it can not be thus treated, use the spade or hoe, cut it underground and do not let it see daylight. Keep this up and it will kill it.

To get rid of a bad patch the first season, remove the soil to a depth of eight inches, then cultivate and haul upon the spot sufficient new soil to fill the place. I have tried this and know it can not fail. The soil that we took away was thrown into a low corner of our barnyard, and never a spear of the ivy showed itself afterwards.

Some Milk Cow Rations.

In a government bulletin on "Grain Rations for Animals," the statement is made that it is better to use two or three kinds of grain in making up a ration than to feed one exclusively, and the feeder should always aim to prepare palatable grain mixtures. Rations should be bulky, to avoid digestive disturbances.

Many feeders use from one-third to one-half of wheat bran in order to obtain the necessary bulk. Corn silage and chopped hay constitute diluters or distributors of the heavy concentrates. Among tables given, the following are selected.

- 1.—One-third bran, one-half gluten feed, and one-sixth cottonseed meal.
- 2.—One-third bran, one-third cottonseed meal and one-third cornmeal.

3.—One-half bran, one-half gluten feed.

4.—One-fourth malt sprouts, one-fourth mixed feed, one-half gluten feed.

5.—One-fifth malt sprouts, two-fifths cornmeal, two-fifths gluten feed.

6.—One-third cottonseed meal, one-third flour middlings and one-third cornmeal.

7.—One-half cornmeal, one-fourth cottonseed meal and one-fourth oat middlings or rye feed.

Seven pounds is the usual quantity to be fed daily to cows producing ten to twelve quarts of milk. The richer the milk, the more feed is needed. Many feeders find it economical to use but five pounds of grain daily and feed maximum amounts of roughage.

Government Whitewash.

One of the most lasting whitewashes that there is, is what is known as the government whitewash. It is made as follows:

Take half a bushel of unslaked lime, slake it with boiling water, cover during the process to keep in steam, strain the liquid through a fine sieve or strainer, and add to it a peck of salt, previously dissolved in warm water, three pounds of ground rice boiled to a thin paste and stirred in while hot, one-half pound of Spanish whiting and one pound of clean glue, previously dissolved by soaking in cold water, and then hanging over a slow fire in a small pot hung in a larger one filled with water. Add five gallons of hot water to the mixture, stir well, and let it stand a few days, covered from dust. It should be applied hot, for which purpose it can be kept in a kettle or portable furnace. The east end of the White House in Washington is embellished by this whitewash. It is used by the government to whitewash lighthouses. A pint of this wash mixture, properly applied, will cover a square yard, and will be almost as serviceable as paint for wood, brick or stone, and is much cheaper than the cheapest paint. Coloring matter may be added as desired. For cream color add yellow ochre; for pearl or lead, add lampblack or ivory black; for fawn add proportionately 4 pounds of umber to one pound of Indian Red and one pound of common lampblack; for common stone color add proportionately four pounds of raw umber to two pounds of lampblack.

Fighting Rose Bugs.

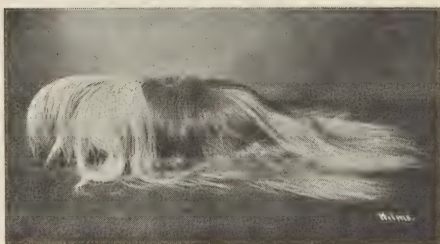
A correspondent of an exchange says that a friend of his has successfully fought the rose bugs by spraying with horse manure water. He also uses this on his cucumbers, melons, squashes, etc. It is a pretty good thing to use on general principles, as the fertilizing value will be sufficient to pay for the trouble whether it kills the bugs or not. A barrel can be set in a convenient place for the purpose and the trouble of keeping the water prepared would be very little.

The use of road dust as an absorbent is very valuable. In stables a little used in bedding animals will help absorb the liquids and keep the stock clean. It is also excellent to dust on hen-house floors after and before cleaning, etc. It makes a very valuable fertilizer when saved after these uses.

Pigeon and Pet Stock Fancy

EDITED BY H. M. POCKMAN

POUTERS
CARRIERS
FANTAILS
PIGMIES
MAGPIES
TUMBLERS



PERUVIAN CAVY

TURBITS
OWLS
NUNS
JACOBINS
DRAGOONS
HOMERS

The time is drawing near when the secretaries of the different associations will have to turn their attention toward the question of judges of certain varieties. This is indeed a vital question. Judges, like exhibitors, differ much. The latter are governed by the rules and regulations of the associations, but the judges should be masters of the situation, and not governed or influenced by certain exhibitors or stewards. Impressionable judges are of little value. We must have only those whose integrity is above suspicion, those who thoroughly understand the breeds they are called upon to officiate. Specialty judges are, indeed, very much desired, but are an expensive luxury, and come beyond the "pocket-book" of most of our early exhibitors. These associations should procure the services of a fancier who is well versed in all varieties, and in whom the exhibitors will have the utmost confidence. Showing under an all-round judge, "especially one who is not 'up' on certain varieties," is sometimes rather discouraging. Mistakes made by a perfectly honest and sincere judge are generally excusable—just as much with the "specialist," as with the all-round man. We believe that if the different fall fairs would pay more attention to this, they would certainly profit in the way of entries and better quality. The Taunton show has already engaged four "specialists" to place the ribbons at their show, and will probably have a large "turnout," and much better quality than is generally seen at the early exhibitions. Why? Because the best breeders will have every confidence in the judge of their particular variety, and will support him in the way of entries. Very few chicken men make good pigeon judges, and vice versa.

Remember this, Secretary!

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We print in this issue a reproduction of Mr. Charles Wagner's celebrated Pouter. This Pouter is one of the best out. We congratulate Mr. Wagner on winning the first English Pigeon Club Medal ever offered in America.

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Mr. Fox's article on Cavies, in this issue, is most interesting. This breeder has been a fancier just a few years, fifty we believe.

We do not question his owning the largest stud of Cavies in the world, when he tells us, "he fed twenty-five tons of carrots, turnips, etc., last year." Sorry we are not the produce merchant in Toronto. Wonder how

many tons Mr. John Robins fed his Cavies the past season?

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Just at this time of year fanciers should give their stock the most careful attention. You are most likely to get your best youngsters from now on, as very few high-class "toys" are bred before May and June. Early pigeons in varieties which develop with age, such as Homers, Carriers, Barbs, etc., may produce youngsters hatched earlier in the season of high quality, but Fantails and the other "toys" rarely raise a high-class exhibition bird before this time of the year. Let your youngsters have plenty of outdoor exercise, free access to the bath, and feed the best of grains and you will probably have little trouble.



Imported English Pouter, owned by Charles F. Wagner, Esq., Toronto, Canada. 1st Canada's greatest winter show, Guelph, 1904; 1st Canadian National, 1904, Toronto; 1st Pouter Club Meet, Chicago, Ill., 1905; 1st and English Pigeon Club Medal for best bird in show, Canadian National, Toronto, 1905; 1st New York, 1906; 1st Pouter Club Meet, Cincinnati, 1906.

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A noted breeder of Jacobins on the other side of the "herring pond" writes that he mated his birds the last of February and finished the second week in April.

In this country we are anxious to mate our birds in January and keep them together until the last of August, but, after all, who produces the best results?

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The first of the old bird races of the different Homing Clubs have now begun, and judged by the number of entries in the different clubs they will enjoy a most successful season. The weather generally has been very good,

and the reports of the few districts which have flown the one hundred mile race indeed show very good time and speed. The Plainfield District of the National Federation made excellent time from Newark, Delaware, the winner with 1,529.71 yards.

THE TAUNTON SHOW.

This exhibition will be held at Taunton, Mass., September 3-6, 1906. The undersigned will have charge of the Pigeon Department. Empire coops, with locks, will be again used this year. This Association offers a very liberal classification, together with four specialty judges, and is one of the best managed fall shows we have. For quality and numbers it is second to none. The prizes are, one dollar, first; fifty cents, second. They generally have 800 to 1,200 pigeons. Quite an entry, I am sure. Coming so early in the season makes it an ideal show for fanciers to try out their stock.

E. P. WASHBURN.

A TEXAS PIGEON CLUB.

The breeders of fancy pigeons in Texas have recently organized under the name of The Texas Pigeon Club. The objects of this association are the development and improvement of the fancy pigeon industry in the State of Texas, as regards both ornamental and utility birds. The various fair and poultry associations will be asked to co-operate by revising and increasing the premium lists, affording better facilities for the cooping and showing, also better care and feeding. Those of the fair officials who have already been approached on the subject promise their hearty co-operation. The temporary organization has already been effected, with J. J. Weiss, President; P. W. Hunt, First Vice-President; J. B. Vinck, Second Vice-President; Coleman Young, Secretary-Treasurer; Messrs. William Selkirk, L. M. Samuels and Mrs. A. D. Slaughter, Advisory Committee. The Club will probably meet at the Dallas fair next fall for permanent organization. It is the determination of the members to have a large and excellent exhibit at the fall fairs and also at the Southwestern Poultry Show. Several valuable specials will be offered in addition to the regular premiums. Mr. Coleman Young, Secretary of the Club, won first on White at the International Pigeon Show, held at Toronto, Canada, last fall. The same bird won first at the Dallas and San Antonio fairs. All parties who are interested in fancy pigeons are invited to join the club and assist in the advancement of their "hobby."

P. W. HUNT,
Vice-President.

Fort Worth, Texas.

STATEN ISLAND DISTRICT, N. Y.

The first race of the season for old birds of the Staten Island District, National Federation of American Homing Pigeon Fanciers, was flown on May 6th, from Wilmington, Del., 100 miles, and resulted as follows:

Mr. Adolph Busch's L25328 Silver Cock, 1st, 2 hrs. 21 min. 3 sec.; 1,220.72 yds per minute.

Mr. Harry J. Bush's P25716 Red Check Cock, 2d, 2 hrs. 21 min. 7 sec.; 1,207.56 yds per minute.

Mr. J. H. Thompson's L33272 Blue Hen, 3d, 2 hrs. 24 min. 58 sec.; 1,169.16 yds per minute.

The second race was flown on May 13th, from Washington, D. C., 200

miles, and resulted as follows:

Mr. Adolph Busch's L25333 Blue Cock, 1st, 3 hrs. 11 min. 23 sec.; 1,792.80 yds per minute.

Mr. Harry J. Bush's P25719 Blue Check Cock, 2d, 3 hrs. 11 min. 58 sec.; 1,777.72 yds per minute.

Mr. H. E. Walker's M17748 Blue Check Hen, 3d, 3 hrs. 14 min. 19 sec.; 1,749.34 yds per minute.

The Club's next race will be flown on Sunday, May 20th, from Charlottesville, Va., 300 miles.

The old bird schedule for the Staten Island District, National Federation of American Homing Pigeon Fanciers for 1906, is as follows:

Wilmington, Del., 100 miles, May 6th. Washington, D. C., 200 miles, May 13th. Charlottesville, Va., 300 miles, May 20th. Danville, Va., 300 miles, June 2d. Statesville, N. C., 300 miles, June 23d.

ALFRED WHELLER,
Secretary.



Mr. William Fox, owner of the largest stud of Cavies in the world, with three of his winning Peruvians.

MR. FOX'S EXPERIENCE WITH CAVIES.

Editor American Fancier:

Received your kind letter asking me to write a short article on Cavies. This is something I have never done so far, although I have had over fifty year's experience with them.

I well remember, "when quite a little boy in pinafores," the first Guinea Pig I ever saw was a tortoise and white, with well divided patches. A foreigner had it in a box, with a strap around its neck, and was going from door to door begging, and I assure you, "Piggie" did very well, as he was bountifully supplied with "dainties" from the children.

Although I have bred thousands of Cavies, and had many good broken colored ones, I never got one to my mind's eye until three years ago, when I bred a tortoise and white English boar with nine distinct patches. This Cavy was first Madison Square Garden, first Boston, 1906.

I have always been very successful with the Cavies that I have exhibited in the show-room, and I feel pleased to say that I have sold many good pigs to fanciers in nearly all the principal towns in the United States. I did extremely well at the Pan-American, my first exhibit in the United States, winning over two-thirds of the ribbons on Cavies. "Lord Bobs," that noted winner, I am proud to say, was by me. This pig was purchased by

Mr. G. Hoyt and afterwards sold to Miss Jeanette Soule. He was a beautiful tortoise and white, with grand head furnishing and good length of sweep.

Now, to return to my first start in Cavies. After seeing the Guinea Pig in the box, I was not content until I found someone who had them for sale. One night, in the market of the town I lived in, I bought a pair for a few coppers, and you can imagine how proud I was in being the possessor of a pair of Guinea Pigs, and it was not long before I had the different varieties, as I was helped along by a friend older than myself who was in the fancy. I made very good headway, and was quite successful, but

in it with their feet and make their coop and themselves wet and dirty. To my mind they are the easiest pets one can keep, providing they observe the proper method. Feed plenty of sweet meadow hay the year around; dandelion, clover or any kind of green stuff in the summer, also, oats and bran. In the winter I feed hay, oats and bran; also, turnips, carrots, etc. Rabbits will thrive on the same diet. You will think so when I tell you that I have used twenty-five tons of turnips and carrots this past winter. This is my method of feeding and I find they do extremely well.

As regards breeding, always keep your sows and boars together. I always select the finest youngsters for



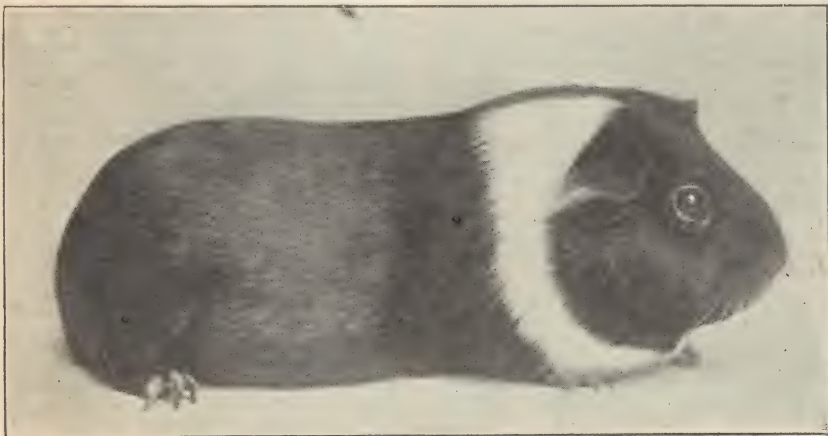
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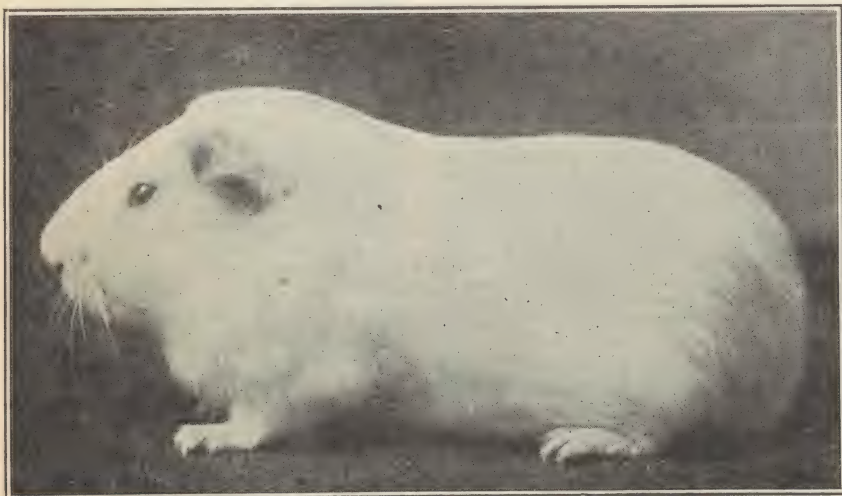
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CHAMPION "ELEGANCE."

Tortoise-and-white English sow, bred by Brook Brothers, owned by George E. Rowland, and shown so successfully by Mr. John E. Jones. The best Pig of her color living, and probably winner of more prizes than any other Cavy in England. Some of her winnings are: 1st Ossett; 1st Bishop Auckland; 1st Ashton under Lyne; 1st Downend; 2d Horfield; 1st Shipton-on-Stour; 1st Bingley; 1st and Challenge Cup, Cavy Club Show, Manchester; 1st Stroud; 1st Leicester; 1st Leamington; 1st and Medal, Gloucester; 2d Finchley, and 2d Bristol, in 1899; 1st Rugby; 1st Wellington, Salop; 1st Accrington; 1st Bishop Auckland; 1st Horfield; 1st Bingley; 1st Kingswood; 1st Monkwearmouth; 1st Aylesbury; 1st Darlington; 1st and Challenge Cup, Cavy Club Show, Leeds, in 1900; 1st Bishop Auckland; 1st Scunthorpe; 1st Bingley; 1st Warminster; 1st Caterham; 1st Cardiff; 2d Cavy Club Show, Wolverhampton, and the Cup for the best shaped Cavy in the show, in 1901, England. 1st Philadelphia; 1st and Special, New York; 1st and Special, Schenectady, 1902. In 18 of her shows in England, she won Special, and in many of the shows, Special for best in show.



"ROYAL."

White English boar, bred by Mr. Haworth, owned by George E. Rowland. A very large and shapely Cavy, pure white, with pink ears, correctly carried, and the best white English out. Winner of 2d Hull (to sow imported by Bergen Rabbitry) England; never beaten in America, winning 1st Hartford, 1st Orange, 1st Philadelphia, 1st and Special New York, 1st and Special Troy, and 1st and Special Schenectady.

sold them all previous to my coming to Canada, twenty-five years ago. My love for them never died, and it was not long before I imported quite a few and started over again. I often read articles in the papers as to the mode of feeding, which appears to give the beginner an idea that Cavies are hard to keep, as they speak of giving them so many varieties of mashes together with water. My experience is that they don't require water if they have sufficient green stuff. I have tried giving them water. No matter how small the vessel is they will paddle

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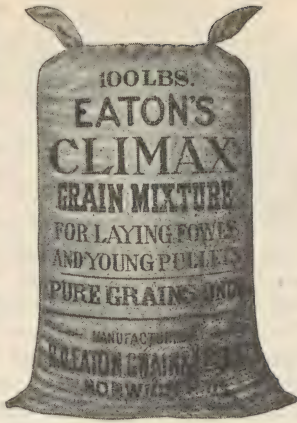
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To The American Fancier:
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To The American Fancier:
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To The American Fancier:
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Auburn, N. Y., April 26, 1906.

Swamped With Orders.

To The American Fancier:
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Very truly yours,

ARTHUR BOUCK.

Frankfort, N. Y., April 20, 1906.

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To The American Fancier:
Sold Indians Monday. Discontinue the advertisement. The American Fancier is "it," and I'm with you.

Yours truly,

F. M. THOMAS.

Catskill, N. Y., May 2, 1906.

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To The American Fancier:
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NEW YORK MARKET REPORT.

EGGS—Receipts for the week, 138,997 cases.		
Nearby, f g selected white, fancy	@	21
Good to choice.....	19½ @	20
Extra, mixed colors.....	19½ @	20
First to extra firsts.....	17½ @	18½
Western firsts to extra firsts, storage packed....	18 @	18½
Fresh gather'd extra firsts	@	18
Firsts	@	17½
Seconds	16 @	16½
Thirds	14 @	15
Kentucky firsts.....	@	16
Seconds	15 @	16
Tenn. and other Southern firsts.....	@	15
Southern seconds.....	14 @	15
Thirds.....	11 @	13
Western dirties, No. 1.....	@	14½
No. 2.....	12 @	13
Checked eggs.....	9 @	12

DRESSED POULTRY—Receipts for the week, 13,983 packages.

FRESH KILLED—ICED.		
Turkeys, average lots.....	14 @	15
Old toms, selected (culs out).....	14 @	15
Poor to medium.....	12 @	13
Chickens, broilers—4 lbs per pair and under—		
Philadelphia, dry-picked, fancy	35 @	38
Dry-picked, average run..	25 @	30
N. P. & Pa., dry-picked, fancy	@	30
Dry-picked, average run..	20 @	25
Western, dry-picked, fcy.	25 @	28
Dry-picked, average.....	22 @	24
Scalded, fancy.....	23 @	25
Scalded, average.....	20 @	22

Fowls—		
Philadelphia, dry-picked, fancy	@	14
Dry-picked, average run..	@	13½
Western, dry-picked, selected barrels.....	@	13½
Dry-picked, average run..	@	13
Scalded, selected bbls....	@	13½
Scalded, average run.....	@	13

Other Poultry—		
Old cocks, dry-picked....	@	9½
Scalded	9 @	9½
Ducklings, Long Island & Eastern	@	14
Other nearby.....	@	13
Squabs, prime white—		
8 lbs to doz, per doz.....	@3	50
7 lbs to doz, per doz....	@2	50
6@6½ lbs to doz, per doz.1	75 @	20
Mixed, per doz.....	@1	50
Dark, per doz.....	1.25 @	50
Culls, per doz.....	50 @	75

FROZEN POULTRY.		
Turkeys, hens, No. 1.....	@	20
Toms, No. 1.....	19 @	20
No. 2.....	14 @	16
Old toms, No. 1.....	18 @	18½
Capons, western, 8 lbs and over, each.....	19 @	20
Under 8 lbs each.....	16 @	17
Broilers, milk fed, dry-picked, 4 lbs and under to pair.....	20 @	21
Dry-picked, 4 lbs and under to pair, No. 1.....	17 @	18
Scalded, 4 lbs and under to pair, No. 1.....	16 @	17
No. 2.....	13 @	14
Roasting chickens, milk fed, dry-picked, fancy.....	16 @	17
Soft meat, fancy.....	15 @	16
Average, No. 1.....	12 @	14
Fowls, No. 1.....	@	13
No. 2.....	8 @	10
Chickens, No. 2.....	8 @	10
Ducks, No. 1.....	@	13
No. 2.....	11 @	12
Geese, No. 1.....	11 @	12
No. 2.....	8 @	10

LIVE POULTRY—Receipts for the week were forty-one cars.		
Broilers, per lb.....	23 @	28
Broilers, per lb.....	25 @	28
Fowls, per lb.....	@	14½
Roosters, old, per lb.....	@	8½
Turkeys, per lb.....	@	12
Ducks, Western, per pair...	70 @	80
Southern & Southwestern, per pair.....	50 @	60
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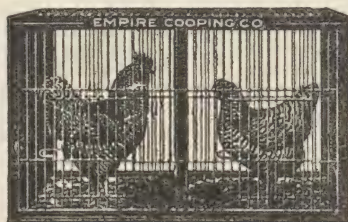
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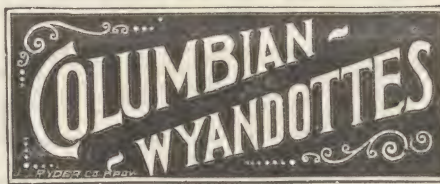


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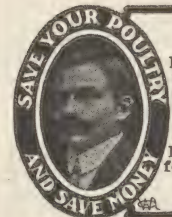
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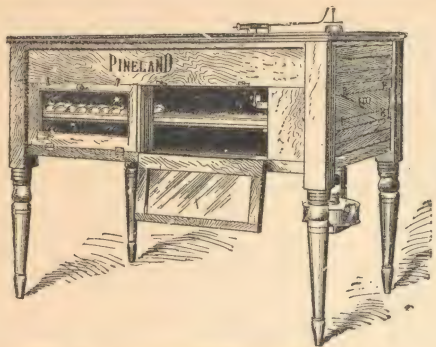
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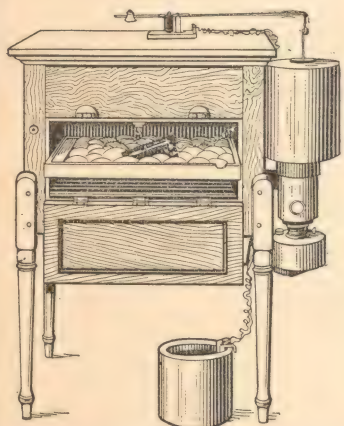
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TIMELY TURKEY TALK



By M. C. V. W., Rock-Holland Farm, Stone Ridge, N. Y.

As the time approaches for the hatching of our turkeys, we are hoping for warm, sunny days, as it seems to give them such a good start in the growth, that should never be at a standstill. We always make the nest on the ground, covering the hen with a roomy coop, with an open front, so she has liberty to leave the nest when she pleases. When hatching begins, usually the twenty-sixth or twenty-seventh day, we put a board in front of the coop to prevent the poults from wandering away, and leave them in the nest until twenty-four hours after the last one is hatched. Turkey eggs are usually strongly fertile, and it is not a rare thing to have every egg bring out a poult. If your hen has had her freedom, and access to a good dust-bath, you need not fear that great enemy of young poultry—lice.

Dust your hen thoroughly with insect powder, put her in a roomy coop, on short grass, give her a generous feed of corn, place water where the poults cannot get into it—a tomato can hung in one corner I have found satisfactory.

Place some boards or netting about the coop, allowing the poults only a few feet of yard—none for a few days.

Don't try to feed them for at least twenty-four hours more, as nature has provided them with food in the yolk of the egg, absorbed before leaving the shell. The second day you may offer them a little food—the best I know of is bread dried in the oven, soaked in milk, and squeezed dry. Their instinct seems to be to reach up for their food, and you will notice the mother turk will take it in her bill, and the little turks will take it from her bill before they will from the board you have placed it on.

They delight to eat from your hand, and you will find it difficult to resist handling and petting them too much for their good.

Feed a very little every two or three hours; but never leave any food before them. Keep water and sweet milk always before them—on the shady side of the coop. After a week or two, sour milk is as good for them as



Pen of White Turkeys, headed by first Cincinnati Cockerel, owned by Gen. Edwin A. McAlpin, Rock Hill Poultry Farm, Ossining, N. Y., of which F. W. Corey is Manager.

A PSALM OF FARM LIFE.

Tell me not in broken measures
Modern farming does not pay.
For the farm produces chickens,
And the hens—do they not lay?

Eggs are high and going higher,
And the price is soaring fast;
Every time we get to market
It is higher than the last.

Not a coop but it produces
Every day an egg or two;
So each farmer gains his millions,
Even though the hens be few.

Every egg is very precious,
And the hens are held in awe;
When a hen begins to cackle,
Then the farmer goes "Haw! Haw!"

In the broad and busy farmyard
Struts a rooster now and then,
But the shrewd, bewhiskered farmer
Only notices the hen.

Trust no rooster, howe'er showy
Be the feathers in his tail;
Pay attention to the biddies,
And your wealth will never fail.

Lives of farmers all remind us
We may roll in wealth some day,
If we hustle to the market
With the eggs our pullets lay.

sweet. They are very fond of boiled rice or hominy. As they do not seem to eat gravel or charcoal as chickens do, it is well to mix a little bird gravel and charcoal in their food from the first, also finely cut onion-tops and dandelion leaves. In their natural state their principal food is insects and bugs, therefore, we provide for them thoroughly cooked (boiled) beef.

If you are so fortunate as to live where you can give them free range, the food question need not trouble you. By gradually adding a little cracked wheat to their rations, by the time they are six weeks old they should be eating whole wheat.

Never put a board inside your coop, but move the coop to a fresh spot several times a day. During rainy spells, keep the coop from getting foul by sprinkling sawdust or sweepings from the hay mow inside frequently. Don't shut them up during a rain, but provide a shelter for them. An old door laid from roof to roof of two coops facing each other is as good as anything. From the time the poults are a week old, let the mother hen out free a while each day. Have a dust-bath to her liking, and see that she uses it, and you must dust her with insect powder at least once a week. From the time the little fellows are two weeks old they delight in a dust-bath, also—I keep a pan of fine road-dust for them to wallow in—have seen ten at one time in an ordinary six-quart pan filled with road-dust.

When you find your turks setting on top of the coop at night, it is time to provide a roost for them, which should be strips about three inches wide, placed three or four feet from the ground, preferably near where their permanent roost is to be—mine is on top of a twelve-foot fence, dividing my poultry yards.

From this time they should be encouraged to roam. If you have a wheat stubble or a meadow, from which you have cut hay, it is an ideal foraging ground. You may have to drive them out for a few days, but be sure to have some treat for them when they come home and see that they go to roost with full crops.

As they will be off by daylight each morning, it is well to place some food where they can help themselves before starting. I also fill a pan with fresh water at night. Never compel them to drink water that has been standing in the sun all day.

HOPPER VS. GROUND FEEDING.

(From Pigeons and Poultry.)

THE COMPARISON TEST.

This subject has always interested me, if only as a means to solve the problems that must from time to time arise in the loft. Having tried both, I, with pleasure, give the results, if only as an aid to others, and also that those who like to help fanciers may give the Fancy the benefit of their knowledge and experience. There are those who contend that hopper feeding is more expensive, to say nothing of the tendency such arrangement has to fatten the birds instead of keeping them in good condition. A slip shod arrangement may accomplish both, feeding spasmodically, hoppers sometimes full, and many times empty. This, however, is not hopper feeding as the term implies, such intends to convey that a supply of food is always available.

My mode of comparison was by measuring the amount of corn given to two sets of birds, five pairs in each place, during a stipulated period, a month's feeding from the hopper and a month from ground feeding. Then to make the test more reliable I tried two sets of ten birds at the same time, one on hopper feeding and one on ground feeding. In each case the birds cleared up everything from ground feeding at each meal, morning and afternoon, whilst the others had it constantly before them. Result, those that were ground fed eat a quarter as much more as those that were hopper fed, and if I may be any judge the condition of the birds that were hopper fed pleased me most. With some varieties it may be different, but assuming that Dragoons are of mixed ages and these are ground fed, naturally mixed corn being a necessity, the younger birds I noticed would by reason of their activity and scouting powers secure all the maples, and allow the heavier wattled birds to get as best they could of beans and tares, the latter the last to be cleared up. Then again, presuming that you intend to restrict the food to a reasonable quantity, the older birds, especially the heavier wattled ones, will come poorly off, whilst the younger birds by virtue of their dexterity will have had a fill. Many of course who have abundant accommodation can divide the birds of different ages, and thus counteract this drawback, still ground feeding in groups has a tendency to create appetite by reason of competition. Selfishness is not confined to human beings, pigeons by virtue of their instinct to get more than their competitors, eat with avidity and thus gorge themselves. Some will ask naturally how mixed corn fared in the hoppers? Tares were always noticeable when they got towards the bottom, but such with me, providing there were sufficient for the day, had to be cleared up before a fresh supply was added.

Probably ground feeding is an excellent means to get birds that are out of form into condition. By reason of their being denied food except at stated times, they eat more, and thus birds that would take but little when constantly before them, would get more stimulating food and thus go ahead.

Hopper feeding, too, to hundreds is compulsory by reason of their absence

from home, and it is only just recently that I have been able to make the tests stated and thus fortify an opinion gradually forced upon me by observations. Sensible hoppers, too, should be used, and many admirable ones are on the market. Those that are so constructed that the food cannot be knocked out are much the best, and these placed in a dry place

at light with a lantern, a glance at the bird and the droppings reveals the condition in a moment, at least to the practiced eye of the enthusiast. The difficulty is to instruct the beginner as to how best to detect the pigeon directly it commences to go wrong, so that the ailment from which it is suffering may be arrested and perhaps a good bird saved. T. J. A.



HUMAN DUCKS IN THE OLD SWIMMING HOLE
A Vision of the Good Old Summer Time Down Upon the Farm

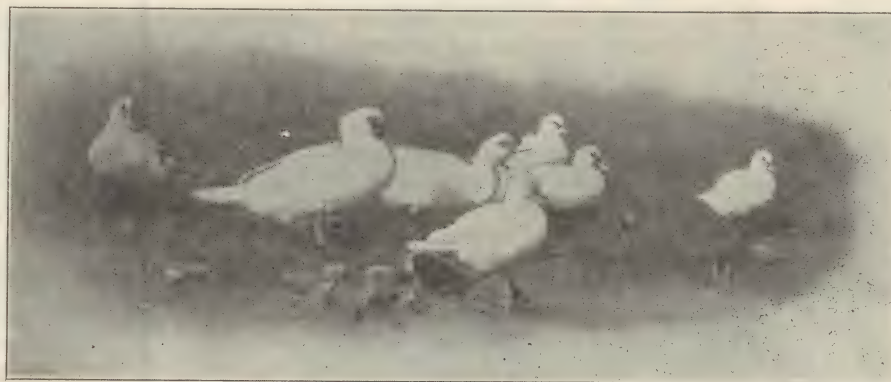
so that the corn may be kept clean and not fouled by the dust or dirt. Such hoppers, too, must not be allowed to get empty; such causes much squabbling where birds are numerous. Not only that, but when such happens, birds gorge themselves on the hoppers being replenished, and thus the great advantage of the birds getting a reasonable quantity is frustrated by

BITS OF ADVICE.

Keep the pullets that grow the fastest and strongest; they will be your best winter layers.

See that your poultry have well-ventilated houses with plenty of air, though without draughts.

Be sure that the new chickens you buy are free from disease before you put them with your flock.



WHITE MUSCOVEY DUCKS.

greed caused by hunger. Birds accustomed to hopper feeding I find take a little in the morning, some more at midday, and more again just before going to roost. This of course refers to birds that are fed from hoppers regularly, because to use both systems intermittently defeats anything like a good trial. As to one being better able to detect a sick bird when a system of ground feeding is adopted, that may be so. An excellent means for so doing, however, is by going round

Buy a few fowls now when you can get them cheaper than in the spring, and begin that poultry plant.

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Cleanliness and quiet are very essential to success in squab raising.

A water fountain is an indispensable article if running water is not used.

Lice are dangerous and should be feared; cleanliness is a preventative.

Have a wide landing board for the youngsters as soon as they take to wing.

Foul water is a sure reproducer of every kind of disease to which pigeons are heir.

When training birds they should have the best of attention and only good feed.

Old lime mortar should be always kept in the loft as the pigeons are very fond of it.

A loft must be well ventilated if health is desired; draught is to be guarded against.

Dry twigs of from four to six inches in length are the materials best suited for a pigeon nest.

Birds allowed an unlimited quantity of salt will eat it to the detriment of their condition and health.

Place the bathing pan on a gravel groundwork in order to keep the birds from soiling themselves after bathing.

Look out for lice.

Use plenty of powdered lime and carbolic acid.

Clean house every week regularly.

Give bath every other day.

Empty bath-tubs as soon as birds are bathed.

Keep the floor of the aviary clean and well sanded.

Watch out for that odd bird in your coop.

Scald the drinking fountains frequently. Use a lump of lime, hickory-nut size, twice a week in drinking fountains.

What is the matter with my birds? I do not half take care of them.

Go through the house twice a day regularly and see that everything is correct.

Ice the squabs well before shipping. Send the next lot of squabs to market in better shape than the last.

While pigeons are feeding their young, great care must be observed in keeping them well supplied with food, for no food for the old birds means starvation for the young.

Many of the infectious diseases are communicated through the medium of food and water. It is, therefore, absolutely necessary to remove, as soon as possible, from the main flock any specimens showing symptoms of disease.

EGG PRODUCTION AND THE TRAP NEST SYSTEM.

BY EDWARD BROWN, F. L. S.

Secretary of the National Poultry Organization Society; Lecturer in Aviculture at the University College, Reading, etc., etc.

(From Pigeons and Poultry.)

Profit in every branch of industry is dependent upon the margin secured in excess of basal cost. But in the case of live stock increased production is not followed by a corresponding advance in what may be termed raw material, that is, food. A cow which yields sixteen quarts of milk does not necessarily eat twice as much as another producing eight quarts. A hen laying 150 eggs per annum does not cost twice as much for food as one that only lays half that number. In both cases the increased consumption is very small indeed. The greater proportion of the food is required to sustain and maintain the body. Beyond that point the differences are very small indeed. In fact, a big bodied fowl which is a poor layer will eat three and four times as much as a small compact hen which produces four times the bulk of eggs. Appetite is often in inverse ratio to prolificacy.

Where, as is the case in this country, a large portion of the food must be artificially supplied, the question of number of eggs produced becomes of great importance to those who keep their fowls for profit. Accepting the statement that the cost for food need not exceed 4s. to 5s. per hen per annum, it will be evident that fifty to eighty eggs must be produced to meet this charge, varying in accordance with the season of the year when laid, and the method of marketing. Profit will depend upon how many eggs are obtained beyond the number stated. That there has been a great increase during late years in the average prolificacy of our domestic fowls cannot be questioned, due to the introduction of new races and to the improvement by careful selection of our older breeds. One serious danger at the present time is that we regard number of eggs without keeping in view when they are laid. A bird yielding twenty eggs in November and December would return to the owner as much money as if she laid fifty or sixty in March and April. Where hens do not commence laying until February they must produce twice as many in the year to pay the cost of food as would be the case if they came into profit in October. Increase in the stock of fowls is not enough. Supplies are plentiful in the Spring. We want them at other seasons. Yet number must not be ignored. But we appear to have passed the point where the point where general selection of layers has reached its limit, and it is necessary to test the individual performances of each hen in respect to her laying; only by so doing can further progress be made. Hence the introduction of what is known as the trap nest system.

It is not necessary to enter into details as to the various forms of trap nests, which, probably, are capable of great improvement. Suffice it to say that, taking a selected number of laying hens, each is marked by a band or ring bearing a number. An arrangement is made so that when they enter the place of laying, either by having separate nest boxes with traps, or a laying compartment fitted in the same



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manner, they are unable to get out again until liberated. In this way a register can be kept showing exactly how many eggs each hen lays within a given period. The results are often startling, and the variations in a single flock of birds very great indeed. It is by no means infrequent to find among birds of the same breed, and even of the same family, differences in production ranging to fifty per cent, the reasons for which are unknown, but the fact is evident. What is wanted is to breed from the prolific layers and eliminate those which are unprofitable. That this can be secured by the trap nest system has been abundantly proved. Flocks of fowls have given an average of one hundred and eighty to two hundred eggs per annum, which figures will doubtless be exceeded in the future—if the strain on the powers is not physically too great.

Important as it is to adopt every method of increasing fertility, and with a desire to see the trap nest become more general, at this point it appears essential to utter a word of warning as to the application of the system referred to. Forcing in any direction cannot but result in rapid exhaustion and consequent degeneracy, with ultimate loss of prolificacy and fertility. The adoption of the trap nest system, if applied too rigidly, and if, as there is great danger other qualities, such as vigour of constitution, are not maintained, then

very great injury must result, and the ultimate state be worse than the first. If trap-nesting were applied gradually over a long series of years, all the time making careful selection of the most virile and hardiest stock, the risks would be greatly minimised, and a race of more prolific fowls would be built up than we have heretofore known. Observations, however, show that the reverse method is general, and I fear that the tendency of exhaustion seen amongst all animals, but which is largely increased under domestication, will be enormously accelerated unless care is taken. "Slow and sure" is better than a transitory success.

The trap nest may be one of the most valuable aids to egg production, if not abused, but it may work havoc among our races of fowls. Experience and wider observation will doubtless enable us to prevent some, at least, of the evils. There are, however, two or three suggestions which may prove of service. First, as far as possible, we should breed from stock which is known to produce the best layers, treating that stock in the best manner by giving them full liberty, and thus building up the natural reserves of strength. Second, when it is necessary, as it will be in many cases, to breed from the birds which have been trap-nested, they should be given a good rest after the period of testing before they are mated up, and when used for stock purposes they must be

allowed full liberty, and not kept in confined yards, or force-fed. They may be thus used for breeding in their second and third years. And, third, all chickens intended to make layers, or breeders to produce layers, should be reared in a hardy manner. Physical vigour is essential to prevent rapid degeneracy. In some cases it will probably be desirable to use for stock purposes birds whose records are not of the highest, or cocks bred from them, to maintain the stamina.

In spite of all we can do in this way, it is more than probable that entire or semi-exhaustion of our present laying races of poultry will ultimate, and even more rapidly than under the system of breeding exhibition. Hence the importance of finding new breeds, by importation from other countries, and by the combination of what we possess into fresh forms. The general tendency to exhaustion, greatly accelerated under intensive poultry keeping, has led me for some years to give special attention to the breeds which are unknown or little understood in this country, and which may be necessary to take the place of our present races, and eagerly to welcome new breeds.

If you have had an unsatisfactory hatch do not write the breeder a mean letter, but consider whether or not you might be at fault. If you receive a complaint from a customer do not ignore it or refuse to consider it until you are sure that the eggs sent him were produced under circumstances which should have made them fertile and capable of hatching vigorous healthy chicks.

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Firsts—Schedule C: 50 per cent; 3 dozen loss.
Seconds—Schedule C: 40 per cent; 4 dozen loss.
Thirds—Schedule B: 30 per cent; 6 dozen loss.

DRESSED POULTRY—Receipts for the week, 14,507 packages.

FRESH KILLED—ICED.		
Turkeys, average lots	14 @ 15	
Old toms, selected (culls out)	14 @ 15	
Poor to medium	12 @ 13	
Chickens, broilers—4 lbs per pair and under—		
Philadelphia, dry-picked, fancy	35 @ 38	
Dry-picked, average run	25 @ 30	
N. P. & Pa., dry-picked, fancy	.. @ 30	
Dry-picked, average run	20 @ 25	
Western, dry-picked, fey	25 @ 28	
Dry-picked, average	22 @ 24	
Scalded, fancy	23 @ 25	
Scalded, average	20 @ 22	

FOWLS—		
Philadelphia, dry-picked, fancy	.. @ 14	
Dry-picked, average run	.. @ 13½	
Western, dry-picked, selected barrels	.. @ 13½	
Dry-picked, average run	.. @ 13	
Scalded, selected bbls	.. @ 13½	
Scalded, average run	.. @ 13	
Other Poultry—		
Old cocks, dry-picked	8½ @ 9	
Scalded	.. @ 8½	
Ducklings, Long Island & Eastern	.. @ 14	
Other nearby	.. @ 13	
Squabs, prime white—		
8 lbs to doz, per doz	3 00 @ 3 25	
7 lbs to doz, per doz	2 25 @ 2 50	
6@6½ lbs to doz, per doz	1 50 @ 1 75	
Mixed, per doz	.. @ 1 50	
Dark, per doz	1 25 @ 1 50	
Culls, per doz	50 @ 75	

FROZEN POULTRY.		
Turkeys, hens, No. 1	.. @ 20	
Toms, No. 1	19 @ 20	
No. 2	14 @ 16	
Old toms, No. 1	18 @ 18½	
Capons, western, 8 lbs and over, each	19 @ 20	
Under 8 lbs each	16 @ 17	
Broilers, milk fed, dry-picked, 4 lbs and under to pair	.. @ 20	
Dry-picked, 4 lbs and under to pair, No. 1	17 @ 18	
Scalded, 4 lbs and under to pair, No. 1	16 @ 17	
No. 2	13 @ 14	
Roasting chickens, milk fed, dry-picked, fancy	16 @ 17	
Soft meat, fancy	15 @ 16	
Average, No. 1	12 @ 14	
Fowls, No. 1	.. @ 13	
No. 2	8 @ 10	
Chickens, No. 2	8 @ 10	
Ducks, No. 1	.. @ 13	
No. 2	11 @ 12	
Geese, No. 1	11 @ 12	
No. 2	8 @ 10	

LIVE POULTRY—Receipts for the week, sixty-four cars.		
Broilers, nearby, per lb	26 @ 28	
Western	25 @ 26	
Southern	.. @ 23	
Fowls, per lb	.. @ 13½	
Roosters, per lb	.. @ 8	
Turkeys, per lb	.. @ 12	
Ducks, Western, per pair	70 @ 80	
Southern & Southwestern, per pair	50 @ 60	
Geese, Western, per pair	1 25 @ 1 50	
Southern & Southwestern	90 @ 1 00	
Pigeons, per pair	.. @ 25	

THE PROPER COURSE.

"What would you do if you had the hen that laid golden eggs?" inquired the man with the heavy moustache. "Me?" inquired the solemn man. "I should feed her that stuff that 'makes hens lay' according to the advertisements."

DATES CLAIMED.

Under this heading there will appear each week a list of all the shows claiming dates for the coming season. Secretaries of poultry, pigeon and pet stock exhibitions will confer a favor by sending in the dates selected as promptly as possible. It is not only a convenience and guide to secretaries of shows that have not selected their dates, but of great interest to readers of The American Fancier, a majority of whom are exhibitors.

The name of secretary and judges will be appreciated when sending in notices.

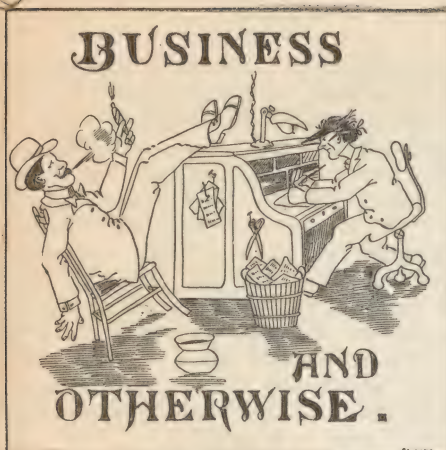
Aug. 21-24—Cortlandt, N. Y. Cortlandt County Agricultural Society, W. J. Greenman, Secretary.
Sept. 3-6, Taunton, Mass., E. P. Washburne, Pigeon Judge and President.
Sept. 3-7, Columbus, Ohio, T. E. Orr, Judge; W. W. Miller, Secretary.
Sept. 3-8, Orangeburg, N. Y., J. F. Gilchrist, Secretary.
Sept. 11-13, Mercer, Pa. Mercer County Fair and Poultry Show, T. E. Orr, Judge; John P. Orr, Secretary.
Sept. 12, Altamont, Ill., Dr. A. W. Baker, Superintendent.
Sept. 17-22, North Yakima, Wash. State Fair, G. A. Graham, Secretary; Harry H. Collier, Superintendent Poultry.
Sept. 24-29, Spokane, Wash. Inter-State Fair, Robt. H. Cosgrove, Secretary.
Sept. 25-29, Spokane, Wash., Robert Cosgrove, Secretary; H. H. Collier, Supt.
Sept. 28-Oct. 5, Springfield, Ill., W. C. Garrad, Secretary.
Sept. 29-Oct. 5, Sedalia, Mo., J. R. Rippey, Secretary.
October 2-5, Chatham, N. Y. Columbia County Agricultural Society, W. A. Dardess, Secretary.
Oct. 2-6, Puyallup, Wash., John Mills, Secretary; Harry H. Collier, Supt.
Oct. 17-18, Girard, Ill., Heimlich, Judge; H. K. Young, Secretary.
Nov. 12-15, Garnett, Kans., Rhodes, Judge; Hattie A. Weld, Secretary.
Nov. 12-17—Houston, Tex., Hovey & Fox, Jr., Secretary.
Nov. 12-17, San Jose, Cal. Santa Clara Valley Poultry and Pet Stock Association, E. Van Every, Secretary, Edenvale, Cal.
Nov. 15-17, Wellman, Ia., Shellabarger, Judge; E. J. Coffey, Secretary.
Nov. 16-17, Manhattan, Kans., Chas. E. Smith, Secretary.
Nov. 20-23, Winfield, Ia., Shellabarger, Judge; Russell Canly, Secretary.
Nov. 21-23, West Haven, Conn., D. A. Nichols, D. J. Lambert, W. R. Graves, Judges; E. J. Crawford, Secretary.
Nov. 21-23, New London, Ill., Russell, Judge; F. J. Clanson, Secretary.
Nov. 21-24, Holton, Kans., Rhodes, Judge; T. A. Fairchild, Secretary.
Nov. 22-24, Englewood, N. J., N. R. Pendergast, Secretary.
Nov. 26-30, Cedar Rapids, Ia., Shellabarger, Judge; S. G. Smith, Secretary.
Nov. 27-30, Carthage, Mo., Rhodes, Judge; C. A. Emry, Secretary.
Nov. 27-Dec. 1, York, Pa. C. T. Cornman, William G. Minich, Judges; J. N. Lovett, Secretary.
Nov. 28-30, Fairfield, Ill., Russell, Judge; J. R. McEldrev, Secretary.
Nov. 29-Dec. 1, Vienna, Ill., Heimlich, Judge; Chas. M. Pichens, Secretary.
Nov. 28-Dec. 2, Moline, Ill., Shellabarger, Judge.
Dec. 3-5, Brookfield, Mo., Rhodes, Judge; J. S. Hill, Secretary.
Dec. 3-6, Ravenwood, Mo., Russell, Judge; Robt. Larmer, Secretary.
Dec. 3-7, Mason City, Ia., M. V. Bicker, Secretary.
Dec. 3-7, Ellicottville, N. Y., Geo. W. Webb, Judge; William Green, Secretary.
Dec. 3-8, Rolfe, Ia., Heimlich, Judge; Marion Bruce, Secretary.
Dec. 3-9, San Francisco, Cal. California Poultry Association, J. C. Williams, Secretary, Fruitvale, Cal.
Dec. 4, Youngstown, Ohio, T. E. Orr, Judge; W. H. Crossler, Secretary.
Dec. 4-5, Jackson, Mich., F. W. Travis and S. Butterfield, Judges; C. W. Kroosz, Secretary.
Dec. 4-7, Holyoke, Mass., George Barnett, Jr., Secretary.
Dec. 4-7, Philmont, N. Y. D. A. Nichols, Judge; G. J. Anderson, Secretary.
Dec. 4-7, Humeston, Ia., Shellabarger, Judge; Geo. King, Secretary.
Dec. 4-7, Mt. Sterling, Ill., Meyers, Judge; Eugene Hambaugh, Secretary.
Dec. 4-8, Paterson, N. J., J. Frost, Secretary.
Dec. 4-8—Youngstown, O., H. J. Cossler, Secretary.
Dec. 4-8—Wilkes Barre, Pa., David T. Miller, Secretary.
Dec. 4-8—Providence, R. I., Rhode Island Poultry Association, W. I. Brown, Secretary, 6 Exchange Place.
Dec. 4-8, Anardarko, Oklahoma Territory, Fite, Judge; Plaff, Secretary.
Dec. 5-8, Grand Rapids, Wis. Grand Rapids Poultry Association; B. G. Eggert, Secretary; Frank Heck, Judge.
Dec. 5-8, Paterson, N. J. Paterson Poultry, Pigeon and Pet Stock Association; Charles Frost, Secretary.
Dec. 5-8, Danbury, Conn. Western Connecticut Poultry Association, Charles

H. Brundage, Secretary; Judges, J. H. Drevendstedt, T. F. McGrew, Hon. David Nichols and W. H. Card.
Dec. 5-8, Ellensburg, Wash., Harry H. Collier, Judge; Mrs. S. F. Montgomery, Secretary.
Dec. 5-10, Birmingham, Ala., McClave, Sites, Judges; Klywn Ballard, Secretary.
Dec. 6-8, Villisca, Ia., Russell, Judge; F. M. Childs, Secretary.
Dec. 6-8, Fulton, Mo., Rhodes, Judge; D. W. Whanger, Secretary.
Dec. 6-9—Danbury, Conn., C. H. Brundage, Secretary.
Dec. 10-14, Waverly, Ia., Shellabarger, Judge; B. L. Burbank, Secretary.
Dec. 10-15, Great Bend, Kans., Fite, Judge; J. A. Lesseman, Secretary.
Dec. 10-15, Warren, Ill., Heimlich, Judge; B. L. Wright, Secretary.
Dec. 11, Warren, Ohio, T. E. Orr, Judge; Wm. G. Baldwin, Secretary.
Dec. 11-14, Lewistown, Mo. Lewistown Poultry Association; A. O. Brooking, Secretary, La. Belle, Mo.; Frank Heck, Judge.
Dec. 11-14, Winsted, Conn. F. D. Hallet, Secretary.
Dec. 11-14, Quincy, Ill., Lane, Judge; A. E. Rogers, Secretary.
Dec. 11-16, Tacoma, Wash., Henry Berar and Harry H. Collier, Judges; Mrs. C. A. Pratt, Secretary.
Dec. 12-14—Kingston, N. Y., F. E. Miller, Secretary, Rifton, N. Y.
Dec. 12-15—Corsicana, Tex., W. E. Elliott, Secretary, Box 281.
Dec. 12-15, Fresno, Cal. Fresno Poultry, Pigeon and Pet Stock Association, George R. Andrews, Secretary.
Dec. 12-15, Stoughton, Wis. Stoughton Poultry Association; Sylvanus Ames, Secretary; Frank Heck, Judge.
Dec. 12-15, St. Mary's, Ohio. Wick Hathaway, Judge; F. F. Aschbacher, Secretary.
Dec. 17-20, Clarinda, Ia., Rhodes, Judge; John Lagerquik, Secretary.
Dec. 17-21, Mound City, Mo., Russell, Judge; W. H. Weightman, Secretary.
Dec. 17-21, Pierce City, Mo., Emry, Judge; Thomas Carlin, Secretary.
Dec. 17-22, North Yakima, Wash., W. C. Denny, Judge; S. H. Schreiner, Secretary.
Dec. 17-22, Sullivan, Ill., Lane, Judge; D. W. Duncan, Secretary.
Dec. 18, McConnellsville, Ohio, T. E. Orr, Judge; G. M. Foster, Secretary.
Dec. 18-21, Geneva, Ohio, R. H. Munger, Secretary.
Dec. 18-21, Greenfield, Ia., Shellabarger, Judge; Mrs. S. E. Alley, Secretary.
Dec. 18-21, Jacksonville, Ill., Heimlich, Judge; Ralph Dunlap, Secretary.
Dec. 18-22, Ponce City, Oklahoma Ter., Fite, Judge; Flem. Smith, Secretary.
Dec. 19-22, Holland, Mich. Holland Poultry and Pet Stock Association; L. S. Sprietsma, Secretary; Frank Heck, Judge.
Dec. 19-22, Mohnsville, Pa. Wyomissing Poultry Association; George W. Hatt, Secretary, Mohn's Store, Pa.; Charles T. Cornman, Judge.
Dec. 19-23, Mohn's Store, Pa., Cornman, Judge; Geo. W. Thompson, Secretary.
Dec. 20-22, Wenatchee, Wash., Harry H. Collier, Judge; John N. Johnson, Secretary.
Dec. 20-22, Savannah, Mo., Rhodes, Judge; S. C. Schmitt, Secretary.
Dec. 24-26, Elgin, Ill., Shellabarger, Judge; M. E. Meredith, Secretary.
Dec. 24-26, Forrest, Ill., Heimlich, Judge; C. C. Johnson, Secretary.
Dec. 24-29, Oakland, Ill., Lane, Judge; O. L. Minter, Secretary.
Dec. 24-29, Oskaloosa, Ia., Shellabarger and Russell, Judges; J. R. Hoover, Sec.
Dec. 25-28, Kalamazoo, Mich., James A. Fucher, Judge; F. A. Hoag, Secretary.
Dec. 25-28, Alleghany, Pa., E. Sites, Judge; Chas. Fuller, Secretary.
Dec. 25-29, Beatrice, Neb., Fite, Judge; Frank E. Lenhart, Secretary.
Dec. 26, Shelby, Ohio, T. E. Orr, Judge; W. O. Smith, Secretary.
Dec. 26-29, Macomb, Ill., Heimlich, J. A. McFatch, Secretary.
Dec. 27-29, Spicard, Mo., Leon A. Tracy, Secretary.
Dec. 31, Kokoma, Ind., Lane, Judge.
Dec. 31-Jan. 2, Gordonsville, Mo., Heimlich, Judge; E. W. Hink, Secretary.
Dec. 31-Jan. 4, Jackson, Mo., Rhodes, Judge; Chas. Behrans, Secretary.
Dec. 31-Jan. 5, Lansing, Mich., J. A. Tucker, Judge; J. A. Turner, Secretary.
Jan. 1, Leipsic, Ohio, T. E. Orr, Judge; H. S. Enck, Secretary.
Jan. 1-5, Madison Square, New York City, H. V. Crawford, Secretary.
Jan. 2-5, South Bend, Wash., Harry H. Collier, Judge; F. M. Heath, Secretary.
Jan. 2-5, Bedford, Ia., Russell, Judge; D. C. Moehrer, Secretary.
Jan. 4, Goshen, Ind., T. E. Orr, Judge; Will H. Schadt, Secretary.
Jan. 7, Auburn, N. Y., T. E. Orr, Judge; J. H. Scott, Secretary.
Jan. 7-11, Aurora, Ill. Aurora Poultry Association; Walter M. Smith, Secretary; Frank Heck, Judge.
Jan. 7-11, Denver, Colo., Heimlich, Judge; G. W. Veditz, Secretary.
Jan. 7-12, Auburn, N. Y. Annual meeting of American Poultry Association with Auburn Fanciers' Association, J. H. Scott, Secretary.
Jan. 7-12, Normal, Ill., Pierce, McClave, Tucker, Fite and Heyl, Judges; A. L. Moore, Secretary.
Jan. 7-12, Topeka, Kans., Heimlich, Judge; D. M. Owen, Secretary.
Jan. 8-10, Lenox, Mass. Honest "Dave" and Shaylor, Judges; L. H. Peters, Secretary.

Jan. 8-11, Middletown, Conn. Gray and Bunnell, Judges; Arthur L. Clai Secretary.
Jan. 8-11, Dallas, Texas, Lane, Judge; Albert Beeman, Secretary.
Jan. 8-11, Peterboro, N. H., W. H. Spaulding, Secretary.
Jan. 8-12, Sidney, Ohio, Gault and Cram, Judges; Earl Lee, Secretary.
Jan. 8-13, Seattle, Wash., George D. Holden, Judge; N. Anderson, Secretary.
Jan. 9-12, Alameda, Cal. Alameda County Poultry Association, C. G. Hinds, Secretary.
Jan. 9-12, Tiffin, Ohio, Chas. McClave, Judge; V. Crabtree, Secretary.
Jan. 9-13, Chilton, Wis. Chilton Poultry and Pet Stock Association; A. Stransky, Secretary; Frank Heck, Judge.
Jan. 9-15, Detroit, Mich., Richard Oke, H. P. Schwab and S. Butterfield, Judges; T. F. Millsap, Secretary.
Jan. 14-19, Lincoln, Neb., Russell, Rhodes and Shellabarger, Judges; L. P. Ludden, Secretary.
Jan. 14-19, Blackwell, Oklahoma Ter., Fite, Judge; Geo. Carson, Secretary.
Jan. 15-18, Port Huron, Mich., Robt. Taylor, Secretary.
Jan. 15-19, 1907—Kansas City, Mo., P. H. DePree, Secretary.
Jan. 15-19—Angola, Ind., Tri-State P. and P. S. Association, W. K. Sheffer, Secretary.
January 15-19, Scranton, Pa., A. V. Close, Secretary.
Jan. 15-19, Boston, Mass., S. L. Roberts, Secretary.
Jan. 16-20, Charlotte, N. C. Charlotte Poultry Association; W. B. Alexander, Secretary.
Jan. 16-22, Portland, Oregon, Elmer Dixon, Judge; F. Fenwick and E. Carlisle, Secretaries.
Jan. 17, Milwaukee, Wis., T. E. Orr, Judge; C. G. Loeber, Secretary.
Jan. 21-24, Kankakee, Ill., Russell, Judge; E. P. Vining, Secretary.
Jan. 21-25, Salt Lake City, Utah, Heimlich, Judge; C. J. Sanders, Secretary.
Jan. 21-26, Walla Walla, Wash., Elmer Dixon, Judge; J. M. Davis, Secretary.
Jan. 21-26, Adrian, Mich., J. L. Heathcock, Secretary.
Jan. 21-26, Rockford, Ill., Shellabarger, Judge; Chas. S. Gilbert, Secretary.
Jan. 21-26, St. Joseph, Mo., Rhodes; E. L. McDonald, Secretary.
Jan. 22, Fort Wayne, Ind., T. E. Orr, Judge; P. C. Hiller, Secretary.
Jan. 22-26, Ft. Wayne, Ind., Pierce, Judge; J. E. Lentz, Secretary.
Jan. 22-26, Jeffersonville, Ind., Pierce, Judge; J. E. Lentz, Secretary.
Jan. 23-26, Butler, Pa., A. F. Kummer, Secretary.
Jan. 28-31, Oelwein, Ia., Russell, Judge; J. R. Perry, Secretary.
Jan. 28-Feb. 1, Mitchell, So. Dakota, Heimlich, Judge; Raymond Thompson, Secretary.
Jan. 28-Feb. 2, Cleveland, Ohio, Cleveland Fancier's Club Co.; F. L. Gruchl, Secretary; 1922 Woodland Ave.
Jan. 28-Feb. 2, Ann Arbor, Mich., J. A. Tucker, Judge; Geo. R. Cooper, Secretary.
Jan. 29, Washington, Pa., T. E. Orr, Judge; Dr. Geo. M. Boone, Secretary.
Jan. 29-Feb. 2, Sault Ste Marie, Mich., Frank W. Travis, Judge; E. W. Burgoyne, Secretary.
Jan. 29-Feb. 2, Concord, Mich., Tucker, Judge; Geo. R. Cooper, Secretary.
Jan. 30-Feb. 1, Cedarvale, Kans., Rhodes, Judge; L. D. Whartendy, Sec.
Jan. 30-Feb. 2—St. Albans, Vt., C. O. Barrett, Secretary.
Jan. 30-Feb. 2, Carthage, Ill., Shellabarger, Judge; N. B. Cutler, Secretary.
Feb. 2-3, Indianapolis, Ind., Lane, Russell, Pierce, Campbell, Rhodes and Barker, Judges; E. A. Pierce, Secretary.
Feb. 3, Cleveland, Ohio, T. E. Orr, Judge; F. L. Gouehl, Secretary.
Feb. 3-10, Brandon, Man., Canada, Shellabarger, Judge; Thomas G. Milne, Secretary.
Feb. 5-9, Hudson, Mich. Southern Michigan Poultry Association; Ed. West, Secretary; Frank Heck, Judge.

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HOW MAUD SET A HEN.

Maud Muller on a summer's day,
Set a hen in a brand new way.

Maud, you see, was a city girl,
Lining the rural life a whirl.

She covered a box with tinsel gay,
Lined it snugly with new mown hay.

Filled it nicely with eggs, and then
Started to look for a likely hen.

Out of the flock selected one,
Then she thought her work was done.

It would have been, but this stubborn hen
Stood up and cackled "Ka-doot!" and then

Maud Muller came, and in hurt surprise
Looked coldly into the creature's eyes.

Then tied its legs to the box. "You bet
I know how to make you set."

But still it stood, and worse and worse
Shrieked forth its wrongs to the universe.

Kicked over the box with its tinsel gay,
And ignominiously flapped away.

Then a bad boy, over the barnyard fence,
Tee-heed: "Say, Maud, there's a difference

'Tween hens, you know, and it is that,
One says 'Ka-doot,' and one 'Ka-dat!'"

Then Maud recalled that the ugly brute
She tried to set had said "Ka-doot!"

And ever since that historic day
She blushes in an embarrassed way

To think of the hobble she made once when
She tried to set a gentleman hen.

Call up your flock and give them some feed. Watch closely, now, and see if you can tell why that cock picks up the feed, and distributes it so gallantly to several of the hens—perhaps the larger share of them, and why he so cruelly pecks some of the other hens when they venture near him to pick a morsel. Why is it so, it seems impossible to find out, but let us say, in a general way, it is his partiality for some or his aversion to others, which is something like the darkey's definition of "because." He says, "My fren's, de resun why we say because is, because 'tis because, 'dat is de reason 'tis because!"

Why it is some persons are prone to jest about anybody who is engaged in rearing poultry or pets, we cannot imagine, for surely the business does not elevate or degrade the person, but the person elevates or degrades the business just so far as he or she may use good or bad means in furtherance of their designs and desires. As far as the mere business is concerned, a peddler is no worse than the merchant from whom he buys his wares, only one is a vender by detail, while the other sells in quantity. So it is in the matter of breeding standard-bred stock. A poultry fancier who, by a due exercise of brains, energy, perseverance and experience, succeeds in raising choice fowls, is to be as heartily congratulated as he who raises fine horses, cattle or sheep by the exercise of the same faculties. To raise fine poultry and understand

it thoroughly demands more skill than raising cattle or sheep. That is all!

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Not only is there a vast amount of money invested in the breeding of fancy poultry in this country, but in the ranks of the poultry fancy can be found some of the best minds of our land. These fanciers or breeders, if you please, show by their continued success each year, in solid cash, too, that brain work has been and is appreciated. These cavillers are a hindrance to the community in which they live, though they would have us consider that no occupation but theirs is "high-toned." In such pretenders it is evident that hollowness, sham and deceit still has sway in the world.

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Within the narrow confines of a single poultry-house can be found plenty of food for reflection and study. No matter what breed is contained therein, no matter how humble may be the building or enclosure, there will be enough to interest those who are lovers of natural history, and to fill up the mornings and evenings of leisure of the business man. You can study the peculiarities and markings of the breed you have chosen; you can experiment on the breeding possibilities; you can find out what feed is best suited to their needs, and adapted to produce certain desired results; you can soon learn the value of foods when fed in different forms and under varying conditions; you can strive to give comfort to your charges, and secure it with a moderate outlay of time, labor and cash. In very many ways you can benefit yourself by adding to the health and thrift of your self-supporting pets.

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To the man of business, who comes home in the evening, tired out with the trials and annoyances of the day, wishing relaxation and forgetfulness for the time being, we commend a few fowls, which require but little room. If they do not furnish the enjoyment and relaxation desired, then we are satisfied that the owner is thoroughly calloused and hardened by business, as are too many workers in these days of sharp competition and trade.

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Do not expect that everything will be gained, and nothing lost, in poultry raising, any more than in any other kind of business. A wise man allows for contingencies, and probable losses, when he undertakes any work for himself or another. If it is merely work, he must calculate on rainy days, on sickness in his family or himself, on various hindrances that this world of change and chance brings to us all. Yes, he must expect these mischances, so that he may possess his soul in patience, when the evil day of disaster comes. Plan, therefore, for a certain per cent of loss, and if good luck, which is the result of good management, prevents you from suffering, so much the better. If you do lose, it is only what you expected, and are prepared for, and, without being disheartened, "thank the Lord that it is no worse," as the English king said when defeated in battle. Learn from failures to do better next time, for experience is a good teacher in the poultry yard.

Put a little lime-water into the drinking-water once in a while to prevent bowel complaint.

Communications

Barred Plymouth Rock Bantams.

Editor American Fancier:

In reading the May 12th issue of The American Fancier, I see that "Rex," in his article on the Bantam Fowl, became a little mixed regarding the make-up of the Barred Plymouth Rock Bantam. As I was the first fancier, as far as I know, in this country who had the B. P. Rock Bantams, it seems to be my place to say a word regarding them. I first imported the birds in 1900. These birds, no doubt, were just what "Rex" calls the breed to-day, Scotch Gray, or Cuckoo Bantams, though I should believe that Scotch Gray was the proper name, as they had clean shanks, while the Cuckoo have feathered shanks. The first year I had them, I crossed a stunted light-colored pullet bred cockerel with the lighter colored females, and a stunted cockerel bred cockerel (a son of Century 1st Boston cock, 1900) with the darker females. And since then I have twice used stunted Barred Rock females in my matings. I have lost a little in the size of them. But no man who knows Barred Rocks to-day could see the birds I have in my matings and call them anything but Barred Rocks in color and barring. In shape they favor Barred Rocks more than any other breed, but still have more of the Scotch Gray long tails and wings than I would like to see, but I am gaining in this respect in their breeding each year. The imported birds showed very little barring in wings and tails, and none too much in any portion of the birds. To-day my birds show barring in every section; in the females with barring whole length of the feather. I am breeding this year from two cockerels that have excellent barred wings and tails. I have seen some imported birds since I first had them, all showing the weak indistinct barring that the ones I imported showed. When "Rex" says the Barred Rock Bantam "is simply the Cuckoo or Scotch Gray Bantam of England as bred there for many years," he needs to look over some of the birds with more care before he draws his conclusions.

C. H. LATHAM.

Lancaster, Mass.

Game Classes at New York.

Editor American Fancier:

I was greatly interested to read your timely article on the Rock and Dotte avalanche at New York in recent years, more noticeably this year than any. On arriving at the Madison Square Show, I was greatly surprised to find that the Games were pushed to the wall—out of sight and hearing. To say that I was disappointed is putting it mildly. Not that I wanted to put the Games in the premier position, but do think they are entitled to a place on the ground floor. Your suggestion as to limiting the entries is O. K., as the big breeders fill up the cages, not for the purpose of helping the show along, but to fill their pockets.

One other article I was greatly interested in was the Buff Wyandotte challenge, sent out by Mr. Lord, only wishing it was Games instead of

Dottes. Of course the quantity of birds would have to be cut down—say about, cock, hen, cockerel, pullet and pen; or two cocks, two hens, two cockerels and two pullets, as Game breeders do not breed on such an extensive scale as Mr. Lord breeds Buff Wyandottes. That is to say, of one variety, as Black Reds, Pyles, or Duck-wings. What say you, fellow Game fanciers, for such a sweepstake at New York next year? Let's hear from you all. There ought to be something done to awaken the fancy.

W. C. MUDGE.

Westerly, R. I., May 25, 1906.

SHORT CHICKEN TALKS.

Try feeding apples to your poultry. Keep plenty of water for your fowls at all times.

Sunflower seed fed to poultry increase the egg yield.

Poultry on the farm is a valuable insect destroyer.

Lice and chickens can not thrive on the same farm.

The tamer the flocks, the more valuable and profitable.

Hens as sitters and mothers are more reliable than pullets.

Regularity in feeding is the secret of success among fowls.

Of much speaking cometh repentance, but in silence is safety.

Look out for lice when your chickens look droopy and sleepy.

One bad egg among those for market may spoil your reputation.

Keep charcoal where the fowls have ready access to it at all times.

Keep the fowls well supplied with grit if good results are wished for.

Feed cut green bone about three times a week to increase the egg-supply.

Skim milk is valuable as a food for young chicks in hot, dry weather.

Caponize the young males between the ages of eight weeks and three months.

Occasionally take the roosts down and wash with boiling soapsuds to kill all lice.

Keep plenty of dusting-places for the chickens; there is no better lice preventive.

Do not confine your turkeys, when fattening them, over ten days or they will lose flesh.

The wild pigeon is better bred than any of the tame varieties, as it produces true to its kind always.

Be kind to your fowls; make friends with them and they will repay you. Fright reduces the egg yield.

Never grease a setting hen; grease getting on the eggshells will close the pores and smother the embryo chickens.

It is important in fixing a nest for a setting hen that it should be in easy reach of her; not placed where she, in jumping on and off, will break the eggs. Place the box on the floor—that's the best place for it.

As a fertilizer for berries hen-manure is almost unequalled. In the spring spread the manure on the barn floor, and when nearly dry thresh it fine on a rainy day then mix it with five times its bulk of rich loam. It is then ready for use.

In hot weather many young chicks will be suffocated by overcrowding if not moved into larger quarters; hence it is better to remove the brood-coops as soon as the hen weans the chickens, and drive them into roomy sheds with low poles for roosting.



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The ball opened at Otley and Delph, England, the first week in May, i. e., the summer show season was initiated. That's all right on the other side of the big pond. Judging by the weather here last week it was more suitable for highballs than the kind referred to above. Chicken shows in summer may do in Great Britain but not in the United States. Birds and owners get that tired feeling during the hot months, when clothes and feathers are a burden to carry, especially on a day when Old Sol is hitting the mercury up to the hundred mark in the shade. The only way to attract a crowd at a poultry show in such weather is to hold it in a Rathskeller or on a Roof Garden.

Mr. Rowland Story has decided to reduce his flock of Single Comb Black Minorcas and will dispose of forty of the choicest breeders and show birds at a bargain. This should prove a good investment for anyone who wants the real goods in the Minorca line. It is not too late to set Minorca eggs. June is the month of roses, brides and chickens.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Fanciers' Poultry Association of New Jersey, will be held at No. 115 Mulberry street, Newark, N. J., June 4, 1906, for the purpose of electing a board of eleven directors. The secretary, T. Farrer Rackham, gives notice that at this meeting the stock-

holders will elect an auditing committee of three or five members to examine into the accounts, etc. Members unable to attend can send their proxy. The dates of the Newark show will probably be announced at this meeting.

Rose Comb Anconas are now being shown in England. If the illustration by Lydon, in the current issue of the Feathered World is a correct type of the new variety, then the shape of the Ancona is totally different from that recognized in the United States. The English Ancona referred to is heavy in body and resembles a Plymouth Rock in shape. As one old chicken crank remarked when he saw the picture: "Looks like a crossbred mutt."

At the annual meeting of the Brown Red and Birchen Game Bantam Club, held at Otley, England, recently, the generosity of two of its members, Messrs. Dan Clayton and T. F. Hartley, was amply demonstrated by the manner in which they promised one hundred dollars each to the club's funds provided the rest of the members compiled one hundred dollars between them. With this amount added to the balance at present in hand big things may be expected during the coming show season.

No wonder the Brown Reds and Birchens are so popular on the other side. It is just such club subscriptions that make it possible to secure large entries and increase the popularity of the varieties thus favored. There are no handsomer Game Bantams than the Brown Reds and Birchens, when well bred. They attract even the average visitor at a show, when other varieties fail to make an impression. The fame of Dan Clayton as a Brown Red Game Bantam breeder is world-wide, and the revenue this genuine fancier obtains each year from the sale of Brown Reds seems

like a small fortune to many less favored fanciers. But it took years of experience, labor and care to reach the highest rung in the ladder. It was a game a real fancier loves, one that tests his skill and patience, and Dan Clayton evidently was abundantly supplied with both these rare qualities. His simple and common sense method of handling and feeding bantams was dwelt upon in a former issue of The American Fancier.

Which incubator or which brooder do you recommend as being the best is often asked in letters we receive from both young and old subscribers to The American Fancier. For obvious reasons we do not single out any particular make of incubator or brooder as being the best. The machines advertised in The American Fancier by different manufacturers are all good and will do the work required of them if directions are followed and the operator is equipped with a suitable think-tank and an observant eye. Contrary to the statement made by some enthusiastic manufacturers of incubators and brooders, the latter cannot be run by children of a very tender age, bed-ridden invalids or persons of unsound mind, neither do they run themselves. Like all other mechanical devices they require a master mechanic to obtain the best results. Occasionally some lucky, albeit careless and ignorant operator, will pull off a big hatch, and in consequence the incubator he uses is lauded to the skies. Should he, perchance, fail to get a good hatch in an incubator of another make, the latter will be condemned with equal fervor as being in the N. G. class.

There is another class, however, that hesitates to condemn the demerits, or extol the merits, of either an incubator or brooder before giving each a number of trials under varying conditions. Such operators are usually of the cool, methodical kind, and like the man from Missouri, "want to know" or "show me." It's a safe and sane way to get at things.

We well remember an incident some fifteen years ago where one incubator after another was cast aside by a really clever chicken raiser, as being no good. This gentleman had the natural method down pat and his hens did their work nobly in the hatching and rearing of the young. But when it came to handling machines, he was at sea. He expected too much of the machine and believed the wooden hen should work as easily as the natural hen. He was always in trouble with his regulators and moisture pans (in those days moisture was made too much of and many a chick was "drowned" in the shell). The same party tried a home-made hot water incubator without a regulator or moisture pans, gave it strict attention and had fine hatches. That settled it. All other machines were high-priced tinderboxes and toys, and the cumbersome tank and double-walled and sawdust filled box was the only fit incubator to use. Had the same care been bestowed in watching the machines he condemned, equally good results would have been obtained. To-day most incubators are so simple in construction and so easily operated that only the most careless and inexperienced operator will fail to make good in hatching a decent per-

centage of fertile eggs.

That there is a choice in incubators and brooders we do not deny. It depends largely on the operator. Once the latter becomes convinced that one particular make of machine is capable of doing his work satisfactorily, he will not change for any other make. We know of one old breeder of fine fowls who has had in successful use for the past twelve years a number of incubators of a well-known make. All the improvements made on this machine would not induce him to part with his favorites. He believes in letting well enough alone.

Still, there are many good chicken raisers that like a change and whenever something new and tempting is offered in the incubator and brooder line, out go the old and in come the new. It makes business lively for the incubator manufacturers, and competition being rather warm, the race to land a good order is often a hard and exciting one. The rivalry is as great among incubator as among typewriter manufacturers. Fortunately there is not the amount of "knocking" indulged in among the former as there exists with the latter. Occasionally some of the artificial hen crowd get their little hammers out and also harpoon their competitors now and then, but the game is not very profitable. Blowing, knocking and lying do not pay in the long run, especially when such is done in order to injure a competitor. A good salesman extols the merits of his own goods without decrying those of his competitors.

The high price of lumber is causing manufacturers of incubators and brooders some uneasiness. The margin of profit is so close and the competition so keen that an increase in the selling price is quite a problem. As long as buyers are looking for cheap prices, it seems out of the question to raise the latter and retain a good share of the trade. The cheapening of the construction of some makes of brooders has been noticeable this season and, we believe, will exert a more harmful influence in the end, than the maintaining of a high standard of material used, and of the construction of these artificial mothers. Some brooders we have used this season, although excellent in principle, were so flimsily constructed that their usefulness is of very short duration. Paint and glass are cheap cloaks to disguise poor material and workmanship, but they are soon uncovered and the chances are that the concern that made these gingerbread hovers will be placed on the black-list and future orders will be conspicuous by their absence.

We believe it was Ex-President Harrison who once remarked: "I hate the word 'cheap'." The famous German poet, Schiller, many decades ago gave the following advice: "Never buy anything simply because it is cheap." Bargain hunters after incubators and brooders should well bear the above remarks in mind. In cautioning our readers against cheap goods, we do not include the low-priced incubators and brooders of small sizes, as most of these little appliances have intrinsic value, the cheapness being due only to their limited capacity.

What has become of the big incubator trust that "was to be"? Rumors were pretty thick not many moons ago, of a general pooling of interests by a number of the leading concerns. As the hot weather is approaching and chickens are busy fighting lice and getting decent clothes for the fall and winter feathered exhibitions, the average poultry raiser is ready to be amused with tales of what is to happen in the poultry world. Some of the mid-summer tales of the past furnished the poultry press with some live copy and perhaps the incubator and supply men can have their innings this coming summer. By the way, what has become of the Incubator Manufacturers' Association? It was started, last year, to do something. Has it, like the Poultry Press Association, dropped into "innocuous desuetude"? Too bad Senator Cooper, the erstwhile magnate of Prairie State Incubator fame is out of the business. He would make the torrid days interesting if there was an argument on artificial hatching starting in the poultry papers. In the days of the old Poultry Bulletin, A. F. Cooper and Uncle Isaac K. Felch had some warm arguments as which was best, the incubator or the hen-hatched chick.

Geo. W. Weed, the traveling advertising and subscription agent of The American Fancier, is temporarily off the road, and is at present located at Red Bank, N. J., where he is busily engaged in building colony poultry coops for the D. & H. Farms. Mr. Weed is an experienced carpenter and builder, and has built many a poultry building in his day, and be it known, his practical ideas on chicken culture enabled him to design suitable homes for fowls. Just at present Mr. Weed, and the writer of these notes, are interested in transforming a lot of piano boxes into serviceable poultry coops. While the architectural style may not be recognized by any distinct ancient name, it has the modern recommendation of being suited to the job at hand. It takes two boxes to make one house complete, including frame of door, besides leaving one of the back ends for other uses. Mr. Weed will shortly give a description of these houses and tell how to construct them. Suitable illustrations will accompany the articles. The high price of lumber in this section brings in the piano box as a cheap and practical substitute for the more expensive boards.

Readers of The American Fancier who are contemplating on erecting poultry buildings, and are in need of a practical designer and builder, should correspond with Geo. W. Weed, care of The American Fancier. Thousands of dollars have been lost in the construction of poultry buildings simply because the builders did not know the real requirements of the fowls and were ignorant of the rudiments of practical poultry culture. Mr. Weed, known in his early career as "Pusley," had the raising of chickens down fine, and his success at the once famous Fordham Poultry Yards, located near Hyde Park, New York, is still fresh in the memory of the boys who had a chance to show birds against the well-groomed bunch of feathers the manager of the Fordham Yards sprung on the unsuspecting. Although the now curly and wise-looking Weed, is not engaged in extensive poultry culture, he still has a few birds of standard

varieties that annually have the habit of winning blue ribbons with gratifying regularity. The breed, feed and Weed are the three aces that win out. It will not be out of the way to state that "Pusley's" ideas of housing and feeding to-day are based on the same common sense principles that worked successfully twenty or more years ago.

"Billy" Stanton's "fowl subway" is getting to be quite popular these warm days. It is the coolest chicken and pigeon emporium in the city. The brick floor in the basement should keep some of the chicken cranks from getting hot under the collar when they get to arguing over men and birds in a ninety degree atmosphere.

It is rumored that the other "Billy," or more properly, "Wilhelm," with Russ to the handle, will start an electric cooling fan in his big Vesey street store and serve iced White Rock to overheated fanciers during the summer, as a rival attraction. What "Bruder" Dillingham, around the corner on Barclay street, will do to offset these inducements we have not been informed of, to date. As near as we can learn, "Dill" contemplates taking the boys on an ocean sail occasionally to cool them off and teach them the Cyphers that bring fruit to his basket.

W. S. Gladney, Jr., will not be the superintendent and secretary of the Trenton Inter-State Fair poultry department this year. Being connected with a most popular hotel in Atlantic City, where he holds a position of considerable importance, his time will be taken up there exclusively. "Blue-eyed Walter" will be greatly missed at Trenton, for he was a royal good fellow and a most efficient officer. It was Gladney that built up the poultry and pigeon department at Trenton so that it was on the same level with those at the best managed winter shows. It was strictly a fanciers' show and attracted many of the best birds in the East. We are glad to state that the next show will be in the hands of the same up-to-date management that made the Newark Show such a success the past few years. That means "Uncle Tom" Rackham will be at the helm, so look out for a first-class show and courteous treatment.

There has been some talk of holding a late summer show at Asbury Park, N. J. The thousands of visitors that annually enjoy the salt air and other attractions there, would no doubt furnish a profitable patronage. Besides there are numerous poultry fanciers near Asbury Park that would become interested in such an undertaking. If "Deacon Ivory" Sparks lived there, a show would be started in a very short time.

Our old friend, John L. McDowell, known some ten years ago as Langshan McDowell, and as editor of the Colorado Poultry Journal, is still on earth. "Mac" is located at Phoenix, Arizona, where he has been cooped up for the past decade. He sends for The American Fancier and a copy of the new Standard, so we can expect the genial and popular fancier back in the ranks again. "Mac" used to publish a mighty good paper in the Rocky Mountain metropolis and we were sorry to lose him as a brother editor

and publisher. We hope he will get back in the Langshan fancy and use his vigorous pen to push this magnificent breed to the front again. Black Langshans are altogether too scarce at Eastern shows. They are in a class by themselves as winter layers and table fowls.

Readers of The American Fancier who have had experience in hatching Muscovy duck eggs with incubators will confer a favor to a number of inquirers if they will kindly write an article giving their success or failure with Muscovy duck eggs when placed in hatching machines. Most fanciers we have spoken to regarding the above subject, either have had no experience, or very poor success in hatching the eggs. As Muscovy duck eggs take five weeks to hatch, it is of considerable importance to get at the correct method of handling the same in incubators.

Mr. Emil Garnjost, formerly of Yonkers, N. Y., who now resides in San Francisco, in a recent letter states that he was fortunate in not having any property destroyed by the terrible earthquake that made the Golden Gate City a mass of ruins. Mr. Garnjost lives on the outskirts of the city, where he keeps his Barred Plymouth Rocks, Light Brahmas, Brown Leghorns and Homers, varieties he used to be quite fond of when he resided in the East. He states that no papers have been delivered since the earthquake and that it will be some time before the accumulated second-class mail matter is finally distributed.

We were also glad to learn that Editor Hooker's home and business offices, at San Jose, Cal., escaped destruction by quake or fire, the good old Pacific Coast Monthly appearing on time as usual. The pluck, pride and push of Californians will soon restore order out of chaos and a larger and finer city will be built on the site of old San Francisco. The chicken business will keep him growing, more influential than before, thanks to the energy and determination of the poultry raisers of California.

The article under the caption, "Timely Turkey Talk," is written by one of the most successful breeders in the Empire State, whose modesty prevents the signing of the full name. It is well worth reading. In a letter from this fancier of our noble American bird we find the following: "I have just put out 104 hatched from 126 eggs. Two hens, to whom 14 were given, behaved badly or I would have had more. I experimented by putting 75 in an incubator, taking them out and giving them to the turkeys as they became broody. Those in the incubator one and two weeks hatched well, but when kept longer than that did not hatch so well. The 75 eggs hatched 64 turks. In my 104, I have not a weakling or a cripple, which speaks well for my breeding stock. I consider my turkey crop a failure when I do not raise 90 per cent of all hatched." This is the kind of turkey culture that pays.

THE ILLUSTRATED STANDARD.

The following is a list of the corrections and changes appearing in the second edition of the Illustrated Standard of Perfection:

Page 25—Section "Sweepstake and Special Prizes," in fifth line, word "latter" changed to "former."

In each of the following cases, at end of line named, these words are added, "Under-color, dark slate":

Page 47—Section "Wings," to fourth line.

Page 58—Color of Male, section "Wings," to fourth line.

Page 58—Color of Female, section "Neck," to third line.

Page 59—Section "Body and Fluff," to second line.

Page 59—Section "Wings," to third line.

Page 62—Color of Male, section "Wings," to fifth line.

Page 63—Color of Female, section "Wings," to second line.

Page 63—Section "Tail," third line, words "Under-color, dark slate," stricken out.

Page 75—Shape of Female (Rhode Island Red) changed to read, "Comb—Single, similar to that of male, but much smaller."

Page 78—Color Rhode Island Red Male, section "Wings," second line, "Wing-coverts" changed to "Flight-coverts."

Page 114—Color Brown Leghorn Female, section "Back," third line, word "shading" changed to "shafting."

Page 139—Bottom of page, below section, "Legs and Toes," words "Under-color, dark slate," supplied.

Page 142—Below section "Legs and Toes," words "Under-color, dark slate," supplied.

Page 274—Colored Muscovy Ducks, under "Color of Drake and Duck," description of tail is changed to read: "Tail—Black."

The following new varieties were admitted at the Cincinnati meeting: Single Comb Black Orpingtons, Single Comb White Orpingtons, Rose Comb Rhode Island Reds, Rose Comb Buff Leghorns and Columbian Wyandottes. The second edition, now going out contains the descriptive Standards of all these varieties, also illustrations of Columbian Wyandottes, and new illustrations by Sewell, of Single Comb Buff Orpingtons.

May Kill Ducks to Save Money.

The duck raisers in the neighborhood of Eastport, Long Island, are confronted with a peculiar situation. The price of ducks is now becoming lower than the cost of raising them, and as the duck farmers have their brooders filled with hundreds of thousands of young ducklings, which will cost twelve cents a pound to raise, and will probably bring less than ten cents a pound when marketed, it is being discussed as to whether it would not be economy to kill all the young flocks and thereby reduce the inevitable loss. The owners of the big farms attribute the glutting of the market to wealthy owners of country estates, who have launched heavily into the business. While this latter class can continue indefinitely in the business, many of the smaller raisers seem doomed to failure. Conservative commission merchants predict that the price of ducks will fall to five cents a pound before the season closes.

John L. McDowell

Farm, Field and Garden

BY G. O. BROWN

Apple raising to secure good commercial results must be made a specialty. The man who knows how and why he prunes the trees, and is willing to go to the expense of spraying, and cultivating or putting on suitable cover crops in his orchard is an expert. It is a compliment to say there are many regular farmers that are veritable fruit experts. They've been learning their lesson from boyhood up.

Tobacco dust is good to scatter on the ground around melons and cucumbers. It will keep many insects away. Sawdust strongly impregnated with coal oil serves the same purpose. A little on the ground, around and not on the plants.

Don't forget to make several plantings of sweet corn in the garden at intervals of seven to ten days, so as to have successive table supplies coming on. Country Gentleman, for medium early, is good, and Stowell's Evergreen is an old standard sort that seems to keep a pace ahead of all competitors. Its quality is fine and size of ears unsurpassed.

It is now time to go through the orchard and pinch out or snip off the undesirable shoots that have sprouted on the trees you pruned last winter. A little work now will save more labor later on, and be greatly beneficial to the trees by doing it now.

The many excellent farm implements almost make the good old-time hoe unnecessary—but there is still enough that can be only done best with the hoe, to keep it shining bright with use. You can cultivate and kill weeds with the hoe right up to the growing plant. "The man with the hoe" will always be an existing figure in more respects than one.

Plant enough flowers in the beds so not to have any bare places. Then there will be added beauty and less weeds to be bothered with. Many plants can be made to spread out more if the leading shoot is kept pinched out.

If the girls or boys on the farm are musically inclined it is wisdom to encourage such good taste. Not only doth "music soothe the savage breast," but it adds enjoyment many times where otherwise hours would drag heavily. There are times with every one when music thrills with a soothing satisfaction. Keep music in your soul, and your heart will always be young.

Have you written to your Congressman that he would please you if he would vote for postal currency and parcels post. These two things would help the rural districts as well as cities and towns.

When real hot weather sets in, and there is all day work for the team, start extra early. About half-past ten stop working and let the team rest until two o'clock, then work late. As many hours work can be done, and it will be easier for the man and for his team.

A Shorthorn cow owned by the

Nebraska Experiment station has recently completed a record for this breed. Between April 7, 1905 and April 7, 1906, she gave 10,487 pounds of milk, 413 pounds of butter fat, equivalent to 482 pounds of butter.

Very likely that alfalfa had considerable to do with the record spoken of above. It grows in Nebraska in perfection. It is the great alfalfa meal section of the universe. The farm that has a good set of alfalfa has a prolific fodder source suitable for all kinds of live stock from an elephant to the downy chick.

The farm line telephone is generally managed by women. They know what they are talking about—and their neighbors, too. Was at a farm house recently, and was asked to answer if the 'phone rang. It rang. "Well?" I answered, "That you John? Mary's got a fine boy. Then a snipsnap corduroy buzzing occurred, then a treble shriek said, "Min Snooks got a new hat and she's a holy fright in it, you bet"—burr zip hum hum—then a faint echo of "Say Mary, I'm going to the picnic with George to-morrow, going to wear my new silk shirt-waist." "Bet you'll look scrumptious." "Oh, say, Lil, are you going to wear yours?"

Navy beans are a good money crop. They should not be planted before about June 10th. Prepare the ground thoroughly. As many beans to an acre as wheat, so one can estimate the value of the crop.

Wild mustard (Charlock) is getting possession of many farm fields. It's bright yellow bloom is a real danger signal. It means it will crowd every other crop out. In England they use a three per cent solution of sulphate of copper. This is sprayed on the growing grain and kills the weed but does no harm to the growing grain. Summer plowing, or plowing the fields when it is in bloom, then planting with a crop to be cultivated is the best way to eradicate the pest.

The busy man of the city, says Kimball's Dairy Farmer, is beginning to hear the call of the country. The boys who left the farms a few years ago are coming back, and in many cases are bringing with them the money they have made in the city. This money is used to repair the old farm or improve the stock or buy more land. The men themselves are putting into their farming the keen business sagacity which they acquired while in the city.

On many farms there are lowlands, which if they were drained would be the best land on the place. These lands are generally rich in vegetable deposits and will produce paying crops for years after they are re-deemed.

An authority of note says: "Tilling the soil is the most ancient and honorable vocation of man. It is the most important, as it lies at the foundation of all other industries. It is the source of all wealth, and is, therefore, the condition precedent upon which

all other arts and trades are made possible. Farming is also the most healthful and independent of all pursuits in which men are engaged." Now will you be ashamed to be called a "hayseed"?

Cut the clover hay as soon as it is in bloom. If you wait for the heads to turn brown the quality of the hay will not be as good, and the leaves will shatter off more. The food value can only be secured by cutting as soon as clover is in bloom, every day thereafter of delay means food value lost.

TURKEY RAISING.

By W. J. Bell, in Poultry Advocate, Canada.

There is no livestock which will return as much profit on the amount invested in a single season as that obtained from turkey raising. Take a trio of fair quality turkeys at a nominal value of \$10.00 and a reasonable number at which to put the young bred from them would be twenty, with a value at marketing time of \$35. With four weeks of good care at the start—two feeds per day more than chickens—the bother of them is entirely over until the middle of October, when a small quantity of grain should be given, making it two full feeds of all they will eat by November 15th and selling at December 1st, which I consider is the most profitable time to sell. The cost of the food given would certainly not run over \$15, so that you would double your money in nine months and have the original trio to the good. The birds, of course, to have free range. To state a fact there are hundreds of turkeys marketed each season which never receive a single particle of food other than what they hunt for, except for two weeks at the start and a week or ten days before killing time.

I know parties who will buy sheep for farmers and give them on condition that they get double the number returned in three years and who think they are thereby striking the best investment to be had. They are satisfied to wait three years for the profits that will come from turkeys in less than one. I am confident that the above is not made more favorable to the business than it should be, yet there are essentials which, if not understood, would probably cause the profits to vanish. I will endeavor to name them:

A breeding pen, healthy, active and in moderate flesh.

A yard away from chickens for the young turks.

A range of at least one acre per bird; if you have more all the better.

An opportunity to get clean water at all times, not being compelled to drink from barnyard pools or stagnant water of any kind.

A knowledge of turkey nature, which is only slightly removed from the wild bird.

An observant eye, quick to detect ailing birds and find the cause.

A large share of patience and common sense, to enable you to resist all the "Nostrums" you will be advised to feed them.

A pride in your birds, which will go a long way in making for success.

Give the fowls fresh water at least three times a day; once is not enough.

If you wish to avoid roup keep the chickens from draughts and dampness.

SETTING THE TURKEY.

(W. J. Bell, in Poultry Advocate.)

A goodly part of the turkey crop depends upon how this seemingly unimportant detail is attended to. In the first place I would advise all to not attempt raising second broods from the same hen, but to set those hens just as soon as you are thoroughly sure that they are broody after laying their first clutch of eggs. I say thoroughly sure, because in some cases the hen will remain on the nest a day and night and still not settled enough for to trust her with the eggs. Let her stay on the nest 36 to 48 hours before setting. With reference to giving the eggs to chicken hen and breaking the turkey off hatching for a second clutch, would say that I have found no experienced breeder to dispute that the turkey hen hatches and rears the young turks best, that one early turkey is worth two late ones, that late ones are always contracting diseases which in many cases are transmitted to the early ones and a turkey hen that hatches and rears her first clutch always moults earlier and is thereby healthier and looks better than if she laid two clutches. Some times one or two eggs in a setting will hatch 12 to 24 hours ahead of the others, and this fact calls for a nest so fixed that these early fellows cannot get away from the hen or she will follow them and cause the loss of the balance of hatch. The shape of the nest is important, as it should be so flat that the eggs will not press toward the center, nor should it be so arranged that the hen will have to jump down on the nest when going on. I don't think there is much difference in using hay or straw as material to form the nest, but I like them to be fine in texture, with a little chaff added. The nest should be thoroughly dusted with insect powder before the eggs are placed in it and I think 17 of the latter are enough to insure a good hatch. I have had a good hatch from 19, but oftener the hatch has not been so good, which I have reason to believe was the fault of too many eggs. The hen should be given her liberty to come off and go on the nest when she desires, except at night if the nest can be reached by dogs or skunks it should be closed so they could not reach the hen. When the turkey is hatching, grass is usually abundant, and the majority of them will eat nothing else. If they cannot find water themselves it should be provided. When noticed off feeding the nest should be examined, and any eggs are broken the balance should be washed in luke warm water, dried with cloth and deposited in the nest before the hen returns. Usually fresh nesting material will also be required.

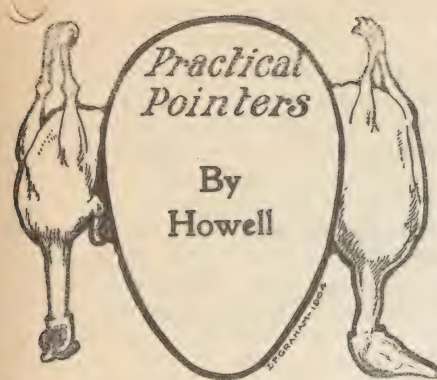
About the 25th day of incubation go as quietly as possible and quickly shake a goodly quantity of insect powder over and around the hen on the nest. Under no consideration should this be neglected, as it gives the young a start free from lice. The insect powder should be purchased fresh each year, and even then there is a probability that it may be old stuff with part of its strength gone.

The American Fancier is It.

To The American Fancier:
Sold Indians Monday. Discontinue the advertisement. The American Fancier is "it," and I'm with you.

Yours truly,

F. M. THOMAS.
Catskill, N. Y., May 2, 1906.



The hen that makes the gentle mother is little heard of these days, she, like many other good things has been passed up. A few of us, however, are old-fashioned enough to raise a small portion of our stock under these conditions, and for this reason it is interesting to note the ability of different breeds and different individual hens in this line. As I said previously, an opportunity to select a hen to your liking to cover a setting of eggs, increases the chances for success. A hen that allows handling, yet when the hatching period arrives moves about every time a chick makes a peep and smashes it, is worse than none at all, the wild hen is N. G., except under certain conditions.

I placed thirteen Rose Comb White Leghorn eggs under a hen of this kind, who had a nest in the unused part of one hay loft. When I took the eggs up she spread her wings and never stopped until she placed a lot of distance between us. I never went near the nest again until I heard her chicks moving about, twelve of them.

For a coop I covered the front of a barrel with two inch mesh wire, laid it down on the side and threw a piece of old oil cloth over it, then went for the hen whom I secured by placing a hay fork over her before she grasped the situation, one squak and every chick hid like a young quail, but having noted their positions I soon pulled them out from under the hay. At feeding time the hen goes in spasms and the chicks hide in the wood-pile, but she is raising them all, and as they grow, holes in the netting will be made large enough to admit of them going in and out, the hen will never leave the barrel until she weans them. This is one successful exception and would not advise any to imitate unless forced to; if this hen had been given her liberty or placed with others she would have used up the chicks in a day.

A dash of Brahma blood in a flock finishes the best of mothers. I bought eighty such when I came here last spring, in thirty-seven days from the time they touched the farm, one had laid twelve eggs in an unused building, hatched eleven and brought them off the nest; raised every one too. This flock laid steadily through last fall and winter, and this spring the majority were marketed at fourteen cents a pound, live weight, they averaging six and one-half pounds each—rather profitable poultry to keep in the commercial poultry line—but to resume, this season the few that remained on the farm have been used for mothers almost exclusively; three have reared and weaned thirty-eight chicks, and in one case, where a Rock hen died just as her chicks were coming out of the shell, the hatched chicks and eggs that were pipped were given to a hen becoming broody, being on the nest but one night; contrary to

expectation she finished the job and was caring for them nicely. The experience noted, I think, proves that it pays to cultivate natural chicken rearing.

Am at a loss to account for the many small eggs I am getting. Is it due to the parched condition of the soil and humid air, or because of a change of feed? Having a generous portion of cut green bone I stopped feeding bran and gluten, and used middlings exclusively for the mash. I am inclined to think it would have been better to have continued feeding the bran, on account of the ash it contains; will do so and double the allowance of charcoal and also add a pinch of sulphur and hope to report favorably.

Geo E Howell

THE SELECTION OF STOCK.

By Cecil L. Byrne, Feathered World.

It is usually best to start buying birds for breeding room in October, and to purchase March and April hatched pullets.

When you are selecting stock for laying purposes only, it is as well to remember that it is quite unnecessary to run a male bird with the pullets. In fact, they lay better without, and the eggs keep better when unfertilized. Experiment has proved that a pen of birds without a male began to produce eggs from one to two months earlier than a similar pen of birds with a male, and that the cost of production was about thirty per cent less.

Now, seeing that it is quite impossible to obtain a bird that combines in the highest degree of perfection the qualities of a good layer and first-class table bird, you should make up your mind to have the best in either one class or the other (or both). You can, of course, go in for the general utility bird, which combines the two qualities in a lesser degree of excellence, but it is well to understand that combined perfection in both directions is unattainable.

A good milking cow is usually lean, and you do not expect fine beef from it. All the nourishment after its bodily upkeep is provided for it turns into milk. In like manner the egg-producer is usually a non-sitter and a lean bird. All its spare nutriment, after a bare maintenance is provided for, is turned into eggs, to the detriment of its table qualities.

I will now give you the main characteristics of a good layer:—

Comb—Neither too big nor too little, medium in fact; but should be red, and not white (anaemic) or yellow.

Face—Usually red; a white, anaemic, thin-faced fowl is never a good layer.

Shape—A good layer is well developed behind, with other a want of fullness in front.

Carriage—Active, works about well, gathering plenty of albumen in the shape of worms and grubs. This activity is a proof that the bird, being a good layer, must find the necessary amount of albumen for her eggs. Nature impels her to do this. The lazy "corner boy" hen is never a good layer.

A few points now on the choice of a table bird.

You require a white-legged, white-skinned bird, with a broad, deep breast. It has been likened to a parallelogram with rounded corners, as in the Dorking, or a large fir cone, tapering from the shoulders to the rear, as in a Game bird. The skin should be fine and the bones small, and the body long.

I do not give any names of suitable breeds, as this article is devoted to selection in general.

A general utility bird must hit the happy medium. It must not be as big as the Brahma, which weighs twelve pounds, nor as small as the Leghorn. It should be easy to rear, strong, not wild, with well-knit frame and legs of medium length. Such birds will, as a rule, stand confinement well. This is the farmer's bird par excellence.

Of prize stock it is sufficient to say that in selection, besides health points, the club standards must be scrupulously adhered to. An expert requires no additional knowledge on the subject of selecting such stock, and the novice had far better call in the services of an expert, or he will perhaps rue trusting to his own judgment.

In buying stock, always inquire the age of the bird you wish to buy; but you should be able to form your own conclusions on this point, for I am sorry to say that fowl buying is not unlike horse buying, and statements made by would-be sellers must often be taken "cum grano salis."

So here it will be appropriate to give you a few hints to enable you to form a judgment as to the age of a bird. A fowl has no teeth, so you must go by other signs. The comb, eye, face, wattles, breast, shanks, and spurs, all give indications as to age.

The comb and wattles of a young bird are smoother than those of an old bird, which become rough and scurfy.

The eyes and face generally have an indescribable youthful look. The spurs are either undeveloped or small, according to age.

The shanks are smooth and not hard or horny.

The breast at the lower end is not "set," but is formed of cartilage, which gives when pressure is applied to either side.

The carriage of a young pullet is youthful and graceful; whereas that of an old dowager hen is heavy and more clumsy. So much for the determination of age.

Now we come to the important subject of health. I have drawn up the following regulations for guidance in the actual choosing of a bird, for I have never seen a set of rules laid down in any well-known book.

1.—Weigh a bird and see that it is up to weight for age and breed.

2.—Observe the colour of comb and face. It should be fresh, and not dark or leaden, reddish and not pale or anaemic.

3.—Look well at the nostrils; if they are blocked up by a yellowish encrustation, reject the bird at once. It may have roup. If the nostrils are "running," as the saying is—i. e., if there is a watery discharge—also reject the bird. It may be incipient roup. It may, of course, be only a severe cold caught on the journey, but you cannot afford to take risks in such a matter; you must be on the safe side.

4.—Observe the eyes; they must not have a frothy look, and there must

not be any discharge from them.

5.—With your forefinger and thumb open the mouth of the bird and smell its breath. Fetid breath means internal disorder, possibly liver complaint, which fowls are so subject to. If the disorder is slight, a dose of Epsom salts and dieting will remove it; but once again, you do not know what it is, and you are taking no risks. If liver complaint once thoroughly sets in, it is a bad job.

6.—Feel what may, for the want of a better term, be called the stomach of the bird; I mean the soft part just below the ribs. If you find here a wad of fat, reject the bird. It will not lay or breed well, and very likely has a bad liver from being overfed, or from improper feeding.

7.—See that the scales on the bird's legs are healthy and free from scaly disease. A bird that has "scaly leg" is bound to suffer in general health, and therefore in general utility, and you do not want to buy a diseased bird.

8.—Note if the bird walks lame, and if so, examine the leg carefully, and also the general condition of the bird. Lameness may mean a variety of things.

On the right side, with a dragging gait, it means liver disease. With obvious pain it may be rheumatism or gout. You should never breed from a rheumatic or gouty bird. It may be due to bumblefoot or a thorn. In any case where lameness exists, examine the soles of both feet, and note if there is any undue swelling present.

I hope that the foregoing hints on selection may prove of value to those about to purchase stock; but I am convinced that a novice would save money by calling in the services of an expert.

TO TELL THE AGE OF EGGS.

An expert lays down the following rule for telling the age of eggs: Take an egg carefully between the thumb and the forefinger of the left hand, carry it to the further end of the back yard, look carefully around to see that no one is watching you, tap the egg gently with a knife or other edged instrument held in the right hand, and jump back with alacrity. Then take the others one at a time, and try them in a like manner. After a little practice a quick ear can detect the difference in sound. The one that pops the loudest is the oldest egg.

Now is a good time to plant some cabbages; nothing makes a better food for poultry.

Do not take chicks away from the mother when just hatched as they need the warmth of her body.

A wash of chlorate of potash in vinegar is good for canker sores in the throat and mouths of chickens.

If there is an unpleasant odor emanating from your chicken house, the house is neither clean nor healthy.

Compel others to purchase what you have to sell through their recognizing on sight that you have the best.

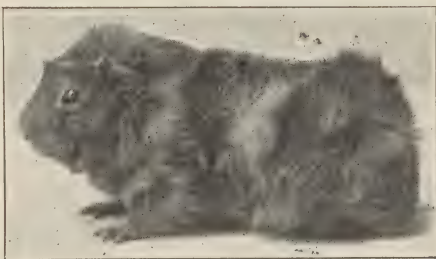
It is advisable to dig out the dirt in the henhouse two inches in depth occasionally and fill in with clean, fresh earth.

Many a chick when apparently drowned after a rain can be saved by wrapping a flannel cloth wrung out of hot water around them and put in a warm oven with the door ajar.

Pigeon and Pet Stock Fancy

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ABYSSINIAN CAVY

We publish in this issue half-tones of the lofts and birds of that well-known Buffalo breeder, Mr. John F. Knox. The main portion of the loft is 12x20 feet, and is fitted up downstairs as a club room and headquarters for the West Side District National Federation of Homing Pigeon Fanciers. The half-tone of P5403 was the first with two others owned when flown by Fellows & Walker, of the same district, to make five hundred miles in a day as a youngster. Mr. Knox is the Race Secretary of this district.

In this issue, Mr. Coleman Young writes a very interesting letter regarding the type that should win in this country; also, about the size of Fantails at a recent show. This has been brought up before for discussion, but has ended with the same decision. The large birds are a thing of the past. Of course, some fanciers are carried away with tail properties, and disregard size. This is a most serious mistake. Mr. William Stevenson, one of the best authorities on Fantails in England, has always given great consideration to size in judging. Some fanciers will say it is indeed very hard to get length of feather in the tail. Be this so, it is certainly more troublesome to reduce the size, and after all the small bird generally carries a larger tail in proportion to its size than the larger bird. I am glad to say most judges at our larger shows have been very consistent in this matter. If breeders of this charming variety will pay more attention to smallness and roundness of body and get their birds lower on leg, we will come closer to the Standard than heretofore.

A new expression used on the other side of the "deep" is "dressing." Don't you think it sounds a trifle better than "faking"? Remember this, fanciers, especially Fantail critics, in your future articles. It rather tones them, you know.

Mr. Walter Gladney, who has been the Secretary and Superintendent for the past few years, of the Pigeon and Poultry Department at the Inter-State Fair, held at Trenton, New Jersey, finds it impossible to act in that capacity again this year, owing to his increasing hotel business. Walter certainly worked hard for the pigeon fanciers at this fall fixture, and succeeded in making the pigeon depart-

ment second to none. The competition was always very hot, and was always handled by competent judges. We understand that the same management which has made the Newark Show such a success will have charge this season. We wish Mr. Gladney every success.

As regards insuring pigeons, we believe the most they can be insured for is one dollar per bird, which is certainly better than nothing if your loft burns, but would hardly repay most fanciers.



MR. JOHN F. KNOX'S HOMING LOFTS, BUFFALO, N. Y.

The West Side District National Federation Club Headquarters are Located on the Ground Floor of These Lofts

We are glad to publish so many favorable reports of the recent races of the various districts. The speed made by the different clubs has been very satisfactory. The Manhattan Homing Club, of New York, made over 1,800 yards per minute; over a mile a minute is certainly going some. Keep it up, "boys."

H. H. Paulus, of Manitowoc, Wis., writes that their young bird races will be held September 1, 8, 23. They are not flying old birds this season, so will probably be well supplied with youngsters.

June 23, a combined five hundred mile race from Aylmer, Ontario, will be flown by the districts around Boston, composed of Arlington, East and West Lynn, Boston, Malden and Wellesley. Silver cups will be awarded to the first three winners as prizes.

Advertise in The Fancier.

OBITUARY.

Mr. Robert Blair.

On April 26, Mr. Robert Blair, aged sixty-six, probably the best known Fantail breeder and exhibitor in the world, died at his home, Thornhill, Johnstone, Renfrewshire, Scotland. Mr. Blair was one of the first to perfect this variety, and most of the leading exhibitors of to-day have a dash of Blair's strain in their lofts. He was a past master in the art of breeding and exhibiting Fantails, and formed one of the old school, composed of Messrs. R. Blair, R. Hunter, J. Taylor, J. Sharp, Wm. Nelson and J. Spence. Until the time of his death, Mr. Blair's opinion was greatly sought after, as he was an authority, and was always willing to help a brother fancier. The Fantail fancy has lost a most loyal supporter in Mr. Blair. His name, however, will not end, as he leaves two sons, one at home who will look after the birds there, and Mr. James Blair, of Yonkers, New York, to whom we offer our heartfelt sympathy.

Louisville, Ky. District.

Dr. John Richardson, Jr., Secretary of the Louisville District, writes that they flew their one hundred mile (old bird) race May 20, and had good returns, but owing to a strong head wind, made rather slow time. The report of the two hundred mile race, flown on May 27, will be published later.

other birds and will watch this controversy with interest. If big birds that stand and pose perfectly or nearly so are the kind, then I will try and breed such, but if the other type is desired, small round bodies, then it is a different thing, but I want to know which type is right.

It certainly seems to me that the high styled, little bird, with short legs, small round body, and tail in proportion to his body is a higher type than the larger bird with a larger tail.

Not having been at Boston I cannot judge for myself between the two types. (An exhibitor wrote me that the winning birds at Boston were all this large type). Certainly there has been a step aside from the idea of the highest type of Fantail as expressed by many of our greatest breeders and writers.

COLEMAN YOUNG

Camden City, N. J. District, National Federation.

The one hundred mile (old bird) race of the Camden City District was held on May 20, two hundred and twelve birds competing:

- 1 D. Flynn (Diploma)...1,022.38 yds
- 2 J. Sheak (Diploma)...1,021.59 yds
- 3 R. Speer (Diploma)...1,021.06 yds
- 4 W. Whaland, (Diploma)1,021.01 yds
- 5 Gondolf & Hunsinger...1,019.50 yds
- 6 J. Foster.....1,018.21 yds
- 7 J. Ryrie.....1,017.40 yds
- 8 W. Adams.....1,017.00 yds
- 9 J. Conaghy.....1,015.70 yds
- 10 G. Armitage.....1,007.76 yds
- 11 W. Gilford.....1,006.11 yds
- 12 W. Jackson.....1,005.78 yds
- 13 L. Everle..... 983.38 yds
- 14 M. Luongo..... 967.62 yds

William Day's clock failed to work. A silver cup will be presented to the winner of the best average speed (old birds) by Mr. Joseph Foster. This district was formerly the Camden City District of the National Association, but is now flying with the National Federation.

Staten Island Homing Pigeon Club.

The third race of the old bird series, Staten Island District, National Federation, was flown May 20, from Charlottesville, Va., three hundred miles. Five lofts took part, Mr. Adolph Busch's Blue Cock L25325 winning. The weather conditions at the start were clear with northwest wind; at home, clear with northeast wind. The speed was exceedingly good considering the adverse wind the birds had to contend with. Mr. Busch is to be highly congratulated:

- 1 A. Busch.....1,039.84
- 2 J. H. Thompson.....1,038.72
- 3 H. E. Walker.....1,020.74 yds
- 4 H. Brish.....1,003.49 yds

R. Rasmussen did not report.
ALFRED WHELLER,
Grassmere, S. I. Secretary.

Plainfield, N. J. District.

The two hundred mile (old bird) race of the Plainfield, N. J., District of the National Federation, was flown May 20, from Manassas, Va. Birds liberated 7:30 a. m., west wind; north-east wind at home:

- 1 F. C. Brunner (Diploma)...1,072.43
- 2 F. C. Brunner (Diploma)...1,069.36
- 3 M. B. Mellor.....1,066.28
- 4 W. J. Taylor.....1,044.95
- 5 D. C. Anderson.....1,023.38

M. B. MELLOR,
Race Secretary

963 Hillside Ave.,
Plainfield, N. J.

Fantails of Boston.

Editor American Fancier:
I am very much interested in the discussion about the Boston Fantail winners now running in your paper. I read with pleasure Mr. Rowland's letter in issue of May 12. Of course, I do not expect my words to have the weight Mr. Rowland's have, but it has been my idea that smallness, roundness of body, style and action were the first requisite of a good Fantail. I was astonished to see what a certain Boston winner was, upon his receipt. He was and is a magnificent bird, good shaped body and immense, round tail, great length of feather, but so very large. He is far larger than the biggest birds I have, or have raised; in fact, I have a number of cocks half his size. I haven't a tail as large as his except on one bird, but all my birds are superior in action, and was more or less surprised when he reached me.

I have kept him apart from the

Paterson, N. J. District.

The one hundred mile race of Paterson District National Federation of American Homing Pigeon Fanciers was flown on Saturday, May 5, from Wilmington, Del. The birds were liberated by Mr. J. C. Green, who wired, "birds liberated at 11:30 a. m., weather clear, light northwest wind." At home the conditions were, thunderstorms, with light northeast wind. Two hundred and six birds from thirteen lofts competed:

	Yards
1 John Perry.....	1,183.69
2 Fred Anderson.....	1,183.04
3 Eastside Loft (G. F. Kuett).....	1,172.64
4 Kershaw & Eveleigh.....	1,169.75
5 James Rogers.....	1,166.42
6 G. W. Cisco.....	1,155.75
7 H. Thomas.....	1,142.70
8 E. Mertell.....	1,139.32
9 Wm. Thompson.....	1,129.68
10 D. Van Buskirk.....	1,109.44
11 Emil Coene.....	1,109.07
12 W. R. Noice.....	1,077.74
13 P. Klapmust.....	1,050.00

The two hundred mile old bird race of Paterson District, N. F. A. H. Pigeon Fanciers was flown on Saturday, May 12, from Washington, D. C. The birds were liberated by W. F. Dismer, who wired, "birds liberated at 9:30 a. m., clear, south wind"; at home the conditions were, clear and southwest wind. One hundred and ninety-six birds from twelve lofts competed:

	Yards
1 Fred Anderson.....	1,540.94
2 H. E. Mertell.....	1,539.39
3 Eastside Loft (G. F. Kuett).....	1,531.52
4 Eastside Loft (G. F. Kuett).....	1,531.02
5 Kershaw & Eveleigh.....	1,528.04
6 James Rogers.....	1,521.74
7 Emil Coene.....	1,515.04
8 John Perry.....	1,505.99
9 G. W. Cisco.....	1,503.33
10 D. Van Buskirk.....	1,502.92
11 W. R. Noice.....	1,484.18
12 Wm. Thompson.....	1,432.63
13 P. Klapmust.....	1,400.00

The three hundred mile old bird race of Paterson District, N. F. A. H. Pigeon Fanciers was flown on Saturday, May 19, from Charlottesville, Va. The birds were liberated by Mr. C. M. Boston, who wired, "birds liberated 7:40 a. m., clear, good start, wind south." At home the conditions were, clear, southwest wind. One hundred and seventy-one birds from twelve lofts competed:

	Yards
1 Eastside Loft (G. F. Kuett).....	1,256.04
2 Eastside Loft (G. F. Kuett).....	1,253.85
3 Kershaw & Eveleigh.....	1,243.67
4 G. W. Cisco.....	1,238.84
5 James Rogers.....	1,237.74
6 D. Van Buskirk.....	1,237.46
7 John Perry.....	1,226.58
8 Fred Anderson.....	1,222.71
9 H. E. Mertell.....	1,218.80
10 W. R. Noice.....	1,217.83
11 Wm. Thompson.....	1,202.54
12 P. Klapmust.....	1,199.00
13 E. Coene.....	1,116.40

Fraternally,
J. F. MASTERSON,
Race Secretary.

Washington, D. C. District.

The first race of the present season of the Washington District took place on April 29, two hundred and seventy-one birds, from thirteen lofts, competing. They were liberated by Mr. B. Ansell, who wired: "Birds liberated 8:00 a. m.; clear, no wind." At home, clear, northwest wind. The



A Group of Mr. Knox's Youngsters

following is the entry and average speed of the first return to each loft, the first four of which win diplomas:

	Yards
1 Phil Krous.....	1,122.
2 A. S. Johnstone.....	1,113.60
3 W. F. Dismer.....	1,113.44
4 Arthur Noble.....	1,113.
5 Howard E. Donath.....	1,110.
6 L. B. Nye.....	1,109.
7 Walter Norwood.....	1,107.
8 Dr. R. R. Ashworth.....	1,106.
9 W. J. Toy.....	1,096.
10 Jas. Greenwood.....	1,094.
11 Harry Phillips.....	1,092.
12 Jos. H. Dove.....	1,086.
13 John Holmead.....	1,081.

7 L. B. Nye.....	1,213
8 John Holmead.....	1,202
9 Walter Norwood.....	1,197
10 Jos. H. Dove.....	1,178
11 Arthur Noble.....	1,168
12 C. A. Clement.....	1,146
13 Harry Phillips.....	Not timed

The third race of the Washington District took place from Concord, N. C., two hundred and nine birds, from thirteen lofts, competing. They were liberated by J. C. Cowell, who wired: "Birds liberated 6:05; clear, no wind." Brisk southeasterly winds, the first encountered this season, made the race a very speedy one, being the best had in regular races for



P5403—The First Youngster to Make Five Hundred Miles in a Day. Owned by Mr. Knox

Only five minutes separated the first returns of the winner of the race and the last contestant.

The second race of the Washington District, N. F. D., took place on May 8, from Danville, Va., having been held two days on account of inclement weather. They were liberated by Mr. A. C. Williams, who wired: "Birds liberated 7:05, clear, slight southerly breeze." At home, clear, northwest winds. The birds arriving before expected caught many lofts unawares and the birds were consequently found. The following is the entry and average speed of the first return to each loft, the first four winning diplomas:

	Yards
1 Jas. Greenwood.....	1,233
2 W. F. Dismer.....	1,227
3 A. S. Johnstone.....	1,223
4 Phil Krous.....	1,222
5 Dr. R. R. Ashworth.....	1,221
6 Wm. J. Toy.....	1,220

four years. The following is the result:

	Yards
1 Phil Krous.....	1,394
2 Jos. H. Dove.....	1,382
3 Jas. Greenwood.....	1,379
4 Dr. R. R. Ashworth.....	1,377
5 A. S. Johnstone.....	1,375
6 L. B. Nye.....	1,372
7 Howard E. Donath.....	1,371
8 W. F. Dismer.....	1,370
9 Arthur Noble.....	1,357



10 Walter Norwood.....	1,347
11 Harry Phillips.....	1,289
12 John Holmead.....	Day record
13 C. A. Clements.....	No report

The diploma winners were Philip Krous, first and second; Jos. H. Dove, third; Jas. Greenwood, fourth.

The fourth race of the Washington District took place on May 20, from Columbia, S. C., one hundred and fourteen birds, from nine lofts, competing. The liberation was by Dr. Francis D. Kendall, a fancier of Columbia, at 5:48, under perfect conditions. It was a very severe test on the birds, a brisk northwest wind prevailing. The first return was to the loft of Phil Krous, at 7:17; the only other fourteen returns in time for record homing after 7:30. The following is the entry and average speed of each competitor, the first four winning diplomas:

	Yards
1 Phil Krous.....	883
2 Phil Krous.....	868
3 Jas. Greenwood.....	865
4 Dr. R. R. Ashworth.....	864
5 Jas. Greenwood.....	860
6 A. S. Johnstone.....	859
7 W. J. Toy.....	858
8 W. F. Dismer.....	No report
9 Jos. H. Dove.....	No report
10 Arthur Noble.....	No report
11 L. B. Nye.....	No report

Besides the above the following additional birds were reported: Jas. Greenwood, 3; Dr. R. R. Ashworth, 1; A. S. Johnstone, 1; W. J. Toy, 3.

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The only clean method is every day doing it. This semi-occasional way means quite clean but not real clean once in a while.

In your planting operations are you considering the crops necessary for the poultry. Yarded fowls will need succulent greens later on. Rape, lettuce, kale, cabbage, etc., will provide it.

Chicks in small runs soon exhaust all green and insect supplies. Meat meal or scraps and alfalfa products are the very best substitutes. Both can be secured and worked (mixed) in with the feed. When this is properly done the chicks will grow very rapidly.

Where one breed is kept, after the breeding season is over, the fowls can be allowed to go at will over the place. The "outing" will be greatly enjoyed and will be very beneficial. The hens enjoy a run to new fields, and the increase in the egg production soon shows the good the change results in. Keep the old fowls away from the young chicks.

Long grass in runs where young chicks are is a nuisance. Keep the grass cut short, then the chicks will get tender shoots, which they relish. The cutting makes the grass roots stronger, and the production increases. Never let the grass form seed heads if you desire poultry to pasture on it. When seed heads come, the grass ceases to be succulent, and the woody fibre stage commences.

There are so many people giving reasons "why incubator chicks die in the shell" that after awhile there will be no reasons left why any of the eggs should hatch. Many of these same reasons are attributed to eggs set under hens. You can just as reasonably blame the hens as the incubators. There are some things in nature that man and his methods can never fathom, and in hen nature especially. When one tries to steal a march on nature with incubators and brooders they must expect some drawbacks. Everything considered, however, in comparison with the results from hens in hatching, the incubator holds its own, and fewer lose their religion who run an incubator.

When a man's poultry gets baggy at the knees, its time to press over, and smooth out the wrinkles of carelessness. After all said and done, too many of the poultry troubles complained of are merely and only the penalties of neglect.

An authority says, a Spanish professor has discovered that the sunflower yields a splendid febrifuge that can be used as a substitute for quinine. It is said that in Russia that sunflower seed are to the inhabitants what the peanut is to the

circus visiting people of this country. Sunflower seed are sold on the streets and everyone chews them and the shells on the floors and sidewalks are evidence of their popularity.

Deacon Sparks, I understand, says that Atlantic City is a good place to hold a poultry show on account of cheap living. He says the sandwich out there is fine enough to suit anyone. Don't know whether this rumor is true or not, but I do know the Deacon sends out fertile eggs properly packed. Eighteen from two settings, and one hen a (not fit for publication) one. Pretty good, thank you.

If we were to take eggs away from the culinary department, how many different table supplies would go out of commission. Did you ever make a calculation of how many uses are made of eggs, not only as a direct food supply, but how many things that are made that are really dependable on eggs. Things that eggs are the main factor in perfecting. Think it over, then you will value your flock of hens more than ever. The women realize the value of eggs, and always have a tender spot in their affections for the hens. They couldn't keep house without eggs. The American hen is a great bird and should take the place of the eagle on coin. If they put a woman's head on our coin, because money talks, the hen should replace the eagle.

Make some small colony houses, say about 4x4 feet inside. They are nice to put good-sized weaned broods into, and may be moved wherever they can best serve a purpose. Once tried you will always have them.

GEORGE O. BROWN.

Cool mornings feed hot mash.
Breed from your very best birds.
Scald the drinking vessels often.
Too fat hens will lay soft-shelled eggs.

Over-feeding is as bad as under-feeding.

Perches are easily cleaned when made movable.

Don't keep the chicks too long on one piece of ground.

Force the hens to scratch if they don't do it naturally.

The hens lay more eggs when separated from the cock.

Use hot whitewash on the houses in preference to cold.

Build the henhouses while the ground is warm and dry.

Lay in a supply of dust for the chickens next winter.

Unless a chicken is valuable don't waste time doctoring it.

When feeding green food to poultry see that it is minced fine.

Pure water is one of the most important items in chicken culture.

For best results clean the chicken coops and houses once a day.

It is best that the chickens should always have one person attending them.

THE FEATHER PLUCKING VICE. By Joseph Shakespeare in Feathered World.

Few vices of which fowls are guilty are worse than that of feather-plucking. Many a valuable bird has been rendered unfit for the breeding or exhibition pen owing to its plumage having been spoilt either by itself or its companions. It is generally imagined that the lack of animal matter in the food is the chief cause, but after taking observance of the manner in which many poultry keepers have fed their stock, I am convinced that lack of animal matter in the food is seldom the cause of the mischief. From experience, I am fully aware that the habit of feather-plucking may be acquired by the healthiest bird during the simple arrangement of her toilet. A feather gets broken at its root, and the bird in trying to neatly arrange it with her beak pulls it out, and, tasting the animal substance at its base, realizes that there is something palatable in feathers. Such a culprit as the above I think crops up but rarely in the poultry yard, and that in the majority of cases the vice is created by the birds being tortured by insects pests. I have, by the aid of a powerful microscope, examined feathers taken from the bodies of feather-pluckers, and have, in nine cases out of ten, found them to be infested with minute insects. These insects were undoubtedly at the root of the mischief. The poor birds had plucked out the feathers in their vain endeavour to rid themselves of the pests, and in doing so had tasted the animal substance secreted in the quills—a substance that so appealed to the taste that they became confirmed feather-pluckers.

It is seldom that fowls free from insect pests, and fed and kept under hygienic conditions, become habitual feather-pluckers. Out of every ten cases that have come under my notice, nine have occurred among fowls kept in confined runs. In such limited quarters, should the vice break out and the birds be unimproved with exercise, it often spreads throughout the flock, owing to the birds having nothing to do but study each other's faults and failings. On the other hand, where fowls are kept under sanitary conditions and well employed the vice is less liable to spread.

Feather-plucking is often created by birds suffering with scurvy, an ailment that is extremely irritating to the bodies of fowls. Ill-ventilated, damp, and unclean houses, lack of exercise, injudicious feeding, lack of fresh green food and pure, clean water are all at the root of this ailment.

If the vice of feather plucking is traceable to insect pests, the birds should be well dusted daily with insect powder, and carbolated vaseline should be applied to the afflicted parts; but, in applying this, care should be exercised, as a too free use of it is liable to have an ill effect upon the fowls. If scurvy is at the root of the mischief, a little pure vaseline may be applied to the bare parts of the fowl's body, but the condition under which the birds are kept must be changed. Improper feeding, overcrowding, and lack of exercise debilitates the fowls, and the result is often scurvy.

I am well aware that to cure a confirmed feather-plucker is a thing that wants some doings; still, for the sake of its companions, it should, if beyond

reform and not valuable, either be killed or provided with a "bit." Such a "bit" can be made by passing a thin piece of leather between the mandibles of the culprit, and kept in position by means of a thin wire passed through the front part of the comb. Such a "bit" should be thick enough to prevent the bird from closing its beak sufficiently to grasp a feather, but not so thick as to prevent the bird from picking up full-sized grains, soft food, grit, etc.

As stated above, feather-plucking, I have proved, generally begins with insect pests or scurvy among the fowls, and as prevention is better, and certainly, in the case of feather-pluckers, much easier than cure, the aim of all poultry-keepers should be to so keep their birds as to ward off all danger of one of the worst vices of which feathered friends are guilty.

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Editor American Fancier:
Sorry we did not get in with the bunch earlier in the season, but our brief experience proves to us that your paper is A1 in advertising.

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JAMES B. N. FITCH.
Mt. Vernon, N. Y., May 21, 1906.

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To The American Fancier:
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PRAGER & SHILLING.
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To The American Fancier:
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Yours truly,
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Yours truly,
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Very truly yours,
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To The American Fancier:
We are more than pleased to see the old American Fancier by itself again. It has been our standby for years. It is the one that heads the line, favoring neither friend or foe, and when it comes to show reports, you have the whole thing, not "our patrons winning," such reports are like reading a prospectus instead of the book, and, again, the news is fresh, brief and to the point. I may her eagle live to scream.

Yours truly,
W. E. SAMPSON.
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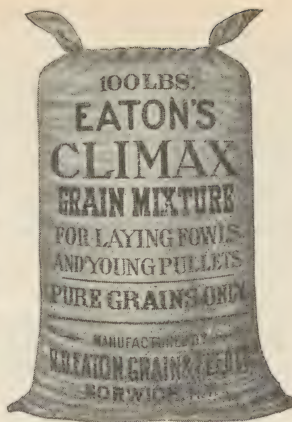
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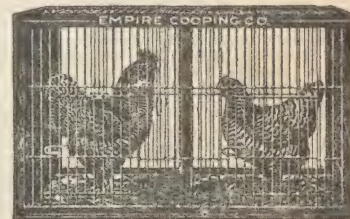
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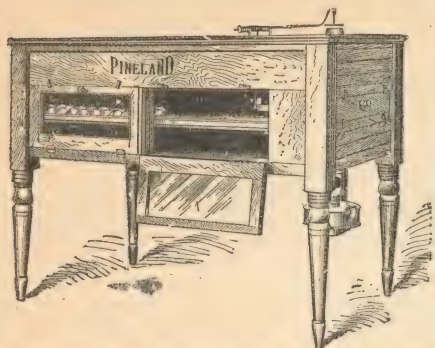
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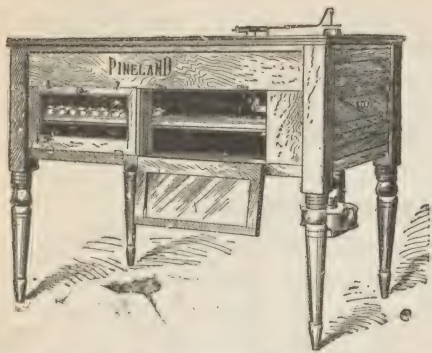
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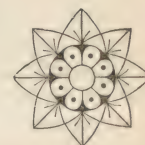
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The Modern White Wyandotte



By John S. Martin, of Port Dover, in the Poultry Advocate, Canada.

During the past few years White Wyandottes have steadily improved along both fancy and utility lines. It is not so many years ago that male birds showing a good deal of brass in plumage came in for a large share of the prizes, while good stay-white birds were the exception. Now, however, thanks to careful breeding, these brassy birds are the exception. A stay-white bird will not be tanned by the sun; in fact, the effect of the sun will be to make its plumage glisten all the more with silvery whiteness.

All White Wyandottes might be classified under four headings according to color characteristics. Before giving these classes, let me say that the standard demands that White Wyandottes must be white in all sections, both in surface and under color, the quills being white throughout. The following is my classification:

1. Birds that are decidedly creamy in plumage both in surface and under color. These birds usually have a yellow skin and if exposed to the sun become very brassy. Such birds are really of little value from a fancier's standpoint, but are all right for breeding utility stock where fancy points are of no importance.

2. In the second class, I would place those birds that are white throughout but turn brassy on being exposed to the sun. Such birds have a sort of dead white surface color if kept in the shade while their under color is usually good. Some of these birds during the moult, will show a pink quill while others will have a creamy quill which gradually becomes whiter as the feathers mature. They are often produced from stay-white plumage, and in such cases they are apt to breed right if mated to females of very strong white color. This class and also the first class do not usually show any ticking or black in plumage.

3. The next class to consider are those that until fully matured, have a great deal of creaminess in plumage which gradually whitens as the feathers mature. Such birds have generally very fallow legs and skin, as it is the skin that imparts the pigment to the quill. These birds, as the feathers whiten out, become very white and stay white, as the sun has absolutely no effect upon them to tan them. The final effect is very pleasing, as we have a bird with very white plumage and very yellow legs, which is not the easiest thing in the world to get. Right here I would warn the amateur breeder that he must learn to distinguish between brassiness and creaminess. In the first, the cause is external; namely, the sun, while in the second the cause



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THE FANCIER

He could tell the names and breeding
Of all birds, obscure or leading,
That had ever taken prizes,

From a moa to a lark;
He could also, gentle reader,
Mention every noted breeder,
Including Mrs. Noah,
Who hatched chickens in the ark.

He was also a designer,
And his poultry house finer
Than were those of any breeder
That ever saw the sun;
While his yards were dry and sunny,
He spared neither time nor money
To improve the breeds that wandered
On his broad ten acre run.

There were Wyandottes and Spanish,
And Chinese that none could banish,
Leghorn, Langshan and Minorca,
And that famed all purpose fowl,
Redcap, Dominique, and Dorking,
Indian Game, and Bantam stalking,
Hamburg, Houdan, Andalusian,
And the Polish with its cowl.

He knew all about their breeding,
And the proper way of feeding,
And could tell the egg producer
That would make the pullets lay;
He knew what would make them fatter,
And 'twas not the slightest matter
What the question was you asked him,
He could always tell the way.

He knew which were best for laying,
In the cold, or time for haying,
Knew the best non-sitting Brahma,
And the early laying strain,
And what color every feather
Should be, he could tell, and whether
Chickens would be better broilers
Were they fed on mash or grain.

He knew every poultry failing,
From the roup to the simplest ailing,
And ten pages in a paper
On the subject he could fill;
None could sound the praises louder
Of each poultry pill or powder,
From Hoddinott's mixture
To the Douglas cholera pill.

He a judge was often voted,
But so thoroughly was noted,
Autumn, winter, spring or summer,
He was always at the show;
Though his birds were never in it,
You could mention in a minute
All there is to poultry raising,
That this fancier did not know.

As an author he was noted,
And his wise remarks were quoted
In the leading poultry papers,
Every season by the score;
His advice he sold for money,
But although it seems so funny,
When he wanted eggs he bought them
At the corner grocery store.

is internal, coming from a yellow skin. With these birds ticking is not found to any great extent and can easily be bred out. Such birds as described in this class make very desirable breeders, as they are certainly very strong in stay-white qualities. To see them half grown, however, an inexperienced person is not favorably impressed on account of their creamy plumage. The experienced breeder will know that as the feathers mature, all this creaminess will disappear.

4. In the fourth case, I would place those birds which have a silvery white plumage at all times. They have a white skin and until matured the quills show a pink appearance. Even the new feathers are white and the effect of the sun is to make them all the whiter with that silvery whiteness. These birds if exhibited in the middle of their moult will not be cut out for color, as they will have no creaminess whatever.

From a fancier's standpoint, birds having the color characteristics of the third and fourth classes are by far the most desirable. Each class has imperfections, but each has many redeeming qualities. The chief defect is the third class is the creaminess of the immature feathers, which makes them not very good show specimens as chicks, or at any time when growing new feathers. The bird is scored hard for this unevenness of color. The defects in the fourth class are a tendency toward weakness in leg color, especially noticeable in the adult fowls and also a tendency toward ticking in plumage. Some of the whitest and most valuable birds show a great deal of this. Without doubt, one fine feature of the birds described in the third class is their magnificent leg and beak color. I have seen hens four and five years old with leg color like pullets. The birds described in the fourth class have no doubt the ideal color. The leg color is after all a secondary matter and can be strengthened by having good grass runs and breeding only from birds having very yellow legs. The ticking can also be bred out in time.

Not only is it necessary that White Wyandottes must be bred right to gain notice in the show room, but it is also necessary that they must be fed properly. The question of color feeding opens up a wide field of investigation for the breeder. I am thoroughly convinced that young birds of the very best breeding can be ruined from a fancier's point of view by feeding too much yellow corn. This fact was forcibly presented to me last fall when I went to see some of my young birds that were being raised on an ad-

joining farm. They had been fed principally corn, and were of no use to me whatever. On the next farm, their feed had been oats and wheat and the plumage of the young birds was as white as snow. To the young breeder I would say: Study the color characteristic of your flock and see in what class you would place your different birds. You must thoroughly know the individual members of your flock and their individual defects. There can be no better object lesson for you than to select what you consider your best birds and bring them into competition with others at some fair. By doing so, you find out whether your ideas of White Wyandottes are correct ones or not. If you are defeated find out from the judge where your birds are deficient and make up your mind to be in the race next time. Knowledge gained by experience is the surest and best of all and it is never forgotten.

The "New Standard" is being printed and will before long be in the hands of the public. While the whole book is a very creditable work, that part of it which relates to the White Wyandotte family is excellent and will prove of great service to Wyandotte breeders. The part I refer to especially is the line relating to the Wyandotte shape, which until now has been the cause of much controversy. Space prevents my dealing with this question at present, but at some future time I hope to discuss it fully.

Eleven Chickens the Python's Meal.

(N. Y. World, June 4.)

For the first time in three months the thirty-foot python on board the British Steamer Verona, at the Bush Terminal Stores, South Brooklyn, got a meal yesterday. Early in the morning the serpent showed uneasiness. Its hide began to peel off, and that was a sure sign the python was ready for chicken.

Capt. Debrons sent his steward to the nearest live-fowl market. He returned with a dozen pullets—mottled, fat and juicy. The python lives in a cage, and each fowl was in turn introduced to his fastidious snakeship. The hens seemed to know what had struck them. One at a time the greedy python gulped down the pullets until eleven of the plump fowls had disappeared within his elastic cuticle. The snake was then as large round as a beer keg.

The hens were swallowed—feathers, claws, beaks and all. The python will be three months digesting the meal. Its skin soon began to take on a brighter and more healthy hue. The monster also got sleepy, and when they put the last fowl into its cage it was fast asleep. The twelfth hen roosted on the fold of the python, and became hungry herself while waiting to be eaten. So the steward brought her some bread crumbs and scraps of beef, which the snake's lunch devoured with great relish.

At last the hen went to sleep, too, and last night she was taken from the cage and given to the ship's cook.

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THE ANCONA

Queen of Utility Fowls and the Pride of the Show Bench.

By Mrs. J. W. Sykes, Hon. Secretary United Ancona Club, England, in Canadian Poultry Review.

Some years ago, when the Ancona was introduced into England, it was as a utility fowl that brought it such popularity and it was quite a little fortune for its then small band of breeders. It came originally from Ancona, in Italy, but the imported birds were very small and very high-tailed and the birds were more splashed than mottled, or tipped, as we see them now. It was on these points that the English breeders set themselves to work to improve, and to look at our Anconas to-day and compare them with those of years ago, you would scarcely imagine they were the same breed. Now, as in all other varieties that show room for improvement, I have not the least hesitation in saying that a lot of crossing has been resorted to; one breeder who won first prize at the Dairy Show, London, admitted that he had produced it from a cross between the Black Minorca and White Leghorn; but bear in mind it had taken years to do this and to-day this breeder is extinct. Why do this when Anconas can be bred by selection? If crossed they are nothing to depend on for breeding another year, but if bred by selection you are building up a strain that will breed better and better each year, that is, if you have got the right strain. I mean pure, to begin with. Some have crossed them with the idea of improving the size, but here again, I say there is no need for it, as when I first took up Anconas the birds I bred from were very small, but now some of my pullets will reach five and a half pounds before they commence to lay, and, to my mind, four and a half pounds to five and a half pounds for pullets is quite big enough, if we are to keep them as active and sharp as they are now. Then others say they have crossed them to improve the laying qualities. It is impossible to satisfy some people, however good a thing is; they seem to want to try and make it better, and so "they kill the goose that lays the golden egg." I should like to know what breed could be crossed with Anconas to improve their laying qualities. How can they be improved when they are the best laying fowl we have? You can't have better than the best. The are commonly called "veritable egg machines," and came into England as layers and they have stood the test for a good many years now and still they are at the top. People who keep Anconas know their worth. One big exhibitor said to me: "Ah, yes, I have kept Anconas eleven years for laying purposes; you know the heavy breeds I exhibit are very poor layers." Another said: "I shall never be without Anconas." What breed can compare with them for activity? None. They will roam about and find one-half the food they require, and, bear in mind, it is this that, to a great extent, accounts for their vast laying powers. You see the food they find is natural, therefore far better than the food supplied to them.

Here again is a great advantage, as this keeps down the corn bill, which is a thing to be studied, if you consider the dollars and cents side of your poultry keeping, and even a hobby is far more pleasurable if you can see a little of something for your trouble at the years end. I can safely say that food that would keep six Anconas in right down good laying condition would almost starve the same number of Orpingtons, Rocks, or most of the heavy breeds. To any one who wants a full egg basket and a small corn bill, I say keep Anconas and they will satisfy you. No matter whether your land be cold, wet or dry, they will thrive and lay, and that means they will pay.

They are exceptionally hardy and the chickens are very easy to rear; once get them going and it takes a lot of either cold or damp to kill them; don't coddle them, they don't require it. Here is where a breeder can do a great deal to improve size; breed only from very vigorous, healthy stock, and when once your chicks have got growing, feed them on good sound food, with plenty of grit, green food and exercise and you will have bigger birds than the parents. I have found it so.

So much for the Ancona as a utility fowl. No as to its fancy points. Can anyone imagine a prettier picture than three or four good Ancona hens and a cock on a nice green plot, the beautiful, beetle-green ground color and the clear white tips show such a contrast, and in a show what looks grander than a well-filled class of Anconas, and what requires more pains when judging? We have got the heads very good, but the lobes are rather weak, and the legs now are also very much improved; a good orange yellow nicely mottled with black looks very pretty. It is a difficult matter to get a bird well mottled all over, including wings and tail, but when you do get such a one, you have something worth looking at. The under-color was very bad formerly, but we seem to be getting over that failing more and more each year. To my mind, at the present time the thing we want to try for most is to breed birds that will last for two or three years as show birds; most strains, after the first moult, go more splashed, like the old-fashioned Anconas, and this spoils them as show specimens.

I have an old cock which I showed three years successfully against cockerels, and this year with a son of his, shown in the cock class at the Crystal Palace show, I won cup over the cockerels. Now, we might as well call the Ancona the "Amateur's Friend," because the wasters that could not be used for exhibition purposes would pay him well if kept for laying. Then again, the Ancona is not near perfection, therefore everyone has a chance of breeding a good one, but in this variety, like all others, it re-

quires good sound birds to begin with, better buy three good ones than fifty second-raters if you wish to succeed, and, above all, don't mix up one strain with another. There is another great advantage in keeping Anconas to the amateur and that is, that if properly mated, both exhibition cockerels and pullets can be bred from one pen, and this saves the expense of having two pens. Always let the male bird be as near perfection as possible, certainly sound to the skin, if you wish to get good cockerels. If I had a very well mottled cock of a bright green ground color, rather light in under-color, I would not discard him for pullet breeding, but should never expect good cockerels from him, and I should always prefer to breed from sound cocks, but then one hasn't got what they would like sometimes they have to make the best of what they have. The hen, of course, must be of a good bright green ground color and well tipped; here the shape should be considered and the hens should be extra good in this respect. Let me impress on the minds of young fanciers that if they don't breed a winner the first year not to be discouraged and begin to buy either fresh cock or fresh hens; mate the cock you have bred from to some of the best pullets you have bred from him, and the best cockerels to the hens, and you are almost certain, providing the strain was right to begin with, to turn out something good, and when once you have put your foot on the ladder of fame, never be content until you have reached the top and then you will look back on your little misfortunes and years of perseverance as the stepping stones by which you have climbed the ladder of fame, always remembering that in prize poultry breeding, as in all other things, "nothing great is lightly won, nothing won is lost."

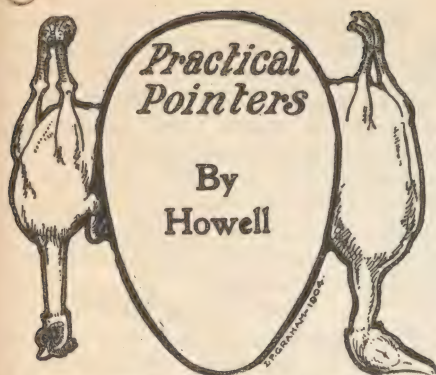
Duck Will Fly Over the Moon.

Spring duck will cost more this year than ever. The duck raisers who supply the New York market held a meeting on Saturday last at the Broadway Central Hotel and so decided. The price of fed has gone up, and other expenses have increased; they say, while they get no more than before for their poultry. Firm in the belief that the revelations concerning slaughter house and meat packing conditions will make more people eat poultry, the duck raisers will take advantage of the meat scare to boost prices all around. The raisers generally get about 14 or 15 cent a pair for ducks, while the retailers get 24 or 25 cents from the householders. The poultry raisers may do away with the middleman. If they don't the public will have to pay a largely increased price. There were about twenty-five members of the Long Island Duck Raisers' Association present at the session, and several raisers from New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

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Have just been asked this question, "Have you had any experience buying laying hens; if so which do you consider the better policy, commercially, to buy or raise your layers?"

Well, my friend, I will tell you plain—buying layers is worse than buying cows at an auction on the other fellow's judgment. I have had a little experience and did not come off so bad, when I came here in the Spring of 1905 I stocked my houses with such material as I could find, only when I ran up against the marketmen in West Washington Market did I lose.

In this case I bought several crates of what looked to be Leghorn crosses, but which proved to be Game crosses, after I uncooped them I made up my mind they must have been hatched during the last century, and not interested in the egg question.

I filled several buildings with a truck load I bought here in the country, that have turned out good layers of nice eggs, but regular gypsies to hide their nests.

Since getting settled I have picked up a flock or so of Leghorns and am now dickering for a flock of Minorcas at a price which, should I get them, I expect them to lay enough eggs this fall to pay for themselves.

It is always advisable to buy at one's own price especially in the Spring when one has the summer and fall to keep them laying and paying a profit on the investment, when age commences to tell on the older hens and an opportunity to replace them with younger ones by all means do so.

Where breeding is carried on, raising the breeding stock is a necessity, because no breeder can afford to sell you as good stock as you can raise, given the same quality of stock to commence with.

To sum up, for laying purposes only, I prefer to sell and buy in the early spring, providing I can get what I want, failing in that raising as many as possible then becomes a necessity.

Since it became fashionable to keep poultry on the country estates of rich city men, the help question has become a worriment to the man paying the bills.

I know many conscientious and painstaking fanciers in the employ of such estates, but their good work is discounted by the many worthless curs, posing as fanciers.

Rumor has it that a nearby city is paying forty-five cents a pound for broilers, growers of early chicks in this vicinity will be wearing diamonds.

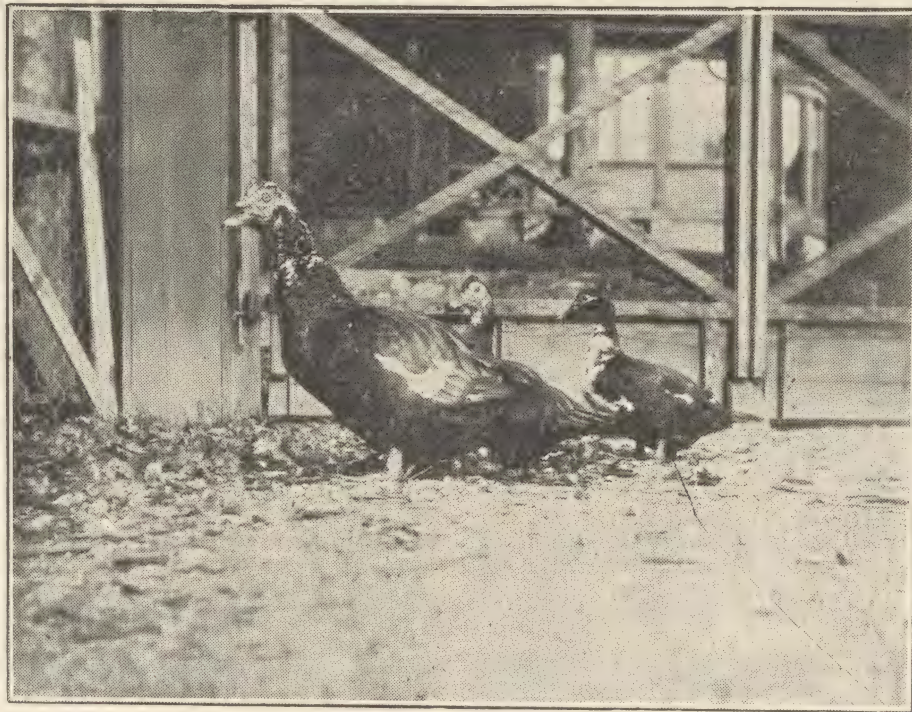
June trade for eggs for hatching, judging from our personal mail must be in the sellers favor, perhaps the unusually good results in rearing may be accountable.

A June chick well cared for will make a rapid growth, maturing in a surprising short time.

Geo E Howell

The Muscovy Duck

Interesting Description by a Prominent Breeder.



DON PEDRO, I

A Veteran Muscovy Drake, Winner of Many Prizes, Bred by H. M. Carpenter, River View Poultry Yards, Ossining, N. Y.

The Muscovy Duck that has been so extensively domesticated was originally brought from tropical South America, where it is indigenous, the name is a corruption of Mush-duck, to-day they are one of our most useful and ornamental breeds of ducks. They still show their wild bringing up, in a number of their characteristics, the manner of their mating and of the duck's habits of selecting her nest and their habit of flying, all show their wild origin. To those who wish an ornamental as well as a useful duck, the Muscovy will be found to be just what is wanted. Their large size, and the fact that they never quack like other ducks makes them very desirable where noise is not wanted, they are of a quiet disposition and very tame and very hardy, do well in confinement, with only enough water to drink and are splendid foragers when turned out to roam, the ducks are good layers, excellent mothers and hatch and raise their young successfully and without much care. They need very little shelter, an open shed answering for winter quarters. I have known of cases of ducks sitting on twenty-five eggs and hatching as many ducks. I usually give them fifteen eggs and expect and get as many ducks. If at large they will select most secluded places for their nests, and when leaving the nest will always cover their eggs with down, feathers, etc.

The drakes are much larger than the ducks, weighing ten or twelve pounds, the duck weighing six to eight pounds. As a table duck they cannot be excelled, young drakes will dress seven and eight pounds, they are more like a wild duck or goose in

flavor than other ducks, and will hold their condition longer than any other duck. They will be found always ready for the table without extra feeding. There are two standard varieties of them, the colored and the white, the colored being the most popular and the handsomest, they should conform to the following description. Head rather long and in the drake large, the top being covered with long crest like feathers, which are readily elevated or depressed by the bird when it becomes excited or alarmed, in color the head should be glossy black and white, with dark horn colored bill, rather short and of medium width, head and face should be covered with bright red caruncles, the larger the better. Neck of medium length and well arched, color black or black and white, black predominating. Back should be long, broad and somewhat flat, with long lustrous blue black feathers. Breast broad and full and body long and broad, in color lustrous blue black and black and white. Wings very long and stout, coverts with lustrous green black. Tail rather long, with an abundance of stiff plumage, and in color black or white. Thighs should be very short and large and black or white. Shanks short and large. Toes straight, with strong nails and dark lead or black in color. The white variety should be pure white throughout, free from any yellow tinge, pinkish flesh colored beak, blue or gray eyes and pale orange or yellow shanks and toes. To all those wanting the finest duck there is for the table, and one of the oddest and most ornamental, let them select the grand old Muscovy and they will rejoice.

Weed's Wanderings

I have been rather busy at carpenter work "Down on the Farm," for you know that The American Fancier is nothing unless it is thorough. So it keeps a farm where poultry is kept, and experiments are made, and if anything good comes from said experiments, why it is immediately given to the readers of The American Fancier.

But I will have to "Wander." So we will go to Shrewsbury, N. J., and visit the farm and summer home of T. J. O'Donohue, coffee merchant, of New York. Now, readers, I happen to be able to speak intelligently of Mr. O'Donohue, for I had the pleasure of working for him some five years ago, not only building some of his buildings, but also had charge of his immense poultry plant.

I think, as it is to-day, it is one of the finest private poultry plants in America. How will I commence to describe it?

Well, let us commence with the Incubator Room. There is no better, for its capacity, in America. A sub-cellar with very high ceilings, a feature, by the way, that is not given enough weight in artificial incubation, for too low ceilings mean foul air and too much foul air means simply—death to young chicks. From Incubator Room to Brooder House, which is Mr. O'Donohue's special pride, the heat is supplied by a large overhead flow-pipe, each brooder being independent of the others, and the water being carried back to the boiler by an underground return pipe—a system that must be almost perfect, but too costly for the average poultry man.

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In poultry, while there are several varieties kept, White Leghorns and Barred Rocks form the largest part.

We were fortunate in our visit in meeting Mr. O'Donohue and his poultryman, Mr. Smith, who took us over every part of this large plant, and we came away convinced that we had seen one of the finest in America.

Geo W Weed

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The illustration on our title page is made from a photograph and is a faithful picture of one of the finest Silver Spangled Hamburgs ever bred or exhibited by Dr. J. S. Wolfe. The record of "Columbia," as the Doctor calls her, is as follows: As pullet, first at Atlantic City and Trenton, N. J., first and gold special, Newark, N. J., 1902; second at Madison Square Garden, 1903. She was in first pen at Newark in 1904 and 1906. As hen, won first at Stamford, Conn., 1906, when she and the second New York cock (1906) won the Silver Cup offered by the Mayor of Stamford for the best S. S. Hamburg cock and hen. The only time she failed to win the "Blue" was at the Madison Square Garden in 1903, when she was not in her best condition, having been shown three times before and had been laying two months. "She has been and is yet the best laying hen I have ever had any experience with," writes Dr. Wolfe. Having judged and handled this bird several times we believe her to be one of the finest ever exhibited in the S. S. Hamburg alley.

A big deal in Polish has just gone through. Mr. George E. Peer, Chili Station, N. Y., has purchased of William McNeil, London, Canada, all of the latter's noted strain of Silver Bearded Polish. Mr. Peer is better known to the elder breeders as a Buff Cochins fancier and as Secretary and Treasurer of the American Poultry

Association for two terms. Personally we can well remember when George first went into breeding Silver Bearded Polish; it was in 1880, when the famous firm of Fonda & Cortwright, of Fairport, N. Y., swept the decks on all varieties of Polish. He secured their best birds and bred them for a number of years, but finally went into Buff Cochins, and all the old-timers remember the fine strings George used to exhibit. We are glad to welcome Mr. Peer back into the fancy, and with "Billie" McNeil to mate and exhibit his birds, we predict that the Polish exhibit at both New York and Boston will in the future be a hummer.

With Mr. Peer back in the fold, the chances are that his old friend, "Billy" Fonda, who is now deep in the seed business at Rochester, N. Y., will become uneasy and take up the fancy again. The genial William made matters lively and entertaining at the old time shows held in the Flower City. The old guard well remember the good birds and good times at some of the Rochester Shows held years ago, especially the year Croffut's White Wyandotte cockerel, "Silver King," made such a stir and "Jimmy" Forsyth was in his glory.

Old time fanciers often remark that at most of the modern shows, there is an absence of that "freemasonry" among fanciers which was so noticeable several decades ago. The "brotherhood of man feeling" has to a large extent disappeared, and its a cold-blooded session at most of the big exhibitions now days. The almighty dollar has a stronger hold on most fanciers than sentiment and the chase after the coin is infectious. Buying and selling has taken the place of social reunions and good old-fashioned chicken talk.

Still there are many fanciers of the correct and approved stamp in existence to-day. And they are far more

numerous than is commonly supposed. The great increase in the smaller shows and exhibitors has to a certain extent scattered the dyed-in-the-wool chicken cranks so much that it is only on rare occasions and at certain exhibitions that they manage to get to find the requisite spot and opportunity to "talk it over." To some of these true fanciers such an event is in the nature of a vacation or an outing. We well remember the remarks made by a veteran fancier and judge some years ago. He said: "I am often asked why I keep a few bantams, spend time and money going to shows, and rarely selling anything to pay for the trouble and expense, to which I reply, that card playing at clubs, attending races and 'playing the ponies' and other more expensive recreations not being exactly suitable to my tastes, I find that the pleasure derived in owning and breeding some choice bantams, as well as the recreation they afford in putting in my spare time is very satisfactory to me, to say nothing of the good fellowship and real amusement I find in attending one or two big chicken shows each year. It is far less expensive and much more satisfactory than any other game I am acquainted with." This is one of the kind that will travel a hundred miles or more to attend a show and perhaps exhibit only a few birds. Such men are the real backbone of the fancy. They pay the big prices for the best birds and without them poultry papers and professional poultry raisers would find their business far less satisfactory and remunerative.

Mrs. Farrar, Orange, Va., has received from Mr. Bygott, Lincolnshire, England, some fine Toulouse and Embden Geese, and will make a specialty of breeding geese of the above varieties in the future. We are glad to learn this, as really good Embdens have been very scarce in the United States for a number of years. Our Canadian friends still have a few good ones in the Dominion, but since the days of Carl Heimerle, the big white Embden is rarely, if ever, seen at our shows.

The Hon. Joseph P. Hildorfer writes that a Pittsburg show will be held next season. The old city hall building and market is being put in shape and will be completed in time for the next annual exhibition of the Pittsburg Fanciers Club. "Joe" was a heavy loser by the fire, both his big meat booths being destroyed, besides the loss sustained in not being able to supply his large trade for a prolonged period. Consequently "Sir Joseph" did very little with his Bir Minorcas this year, but states that he will be on hand at the Madison Square Garden, New York, with just a few "good ones."

Poultry Digest is the title of the new publication devoted to poultry culture, published in New York City. The inaugural May issue starts off with a colored cover of neat design and a good amount of reading matter; the principal contributors being E. G. Warren, J. Harry Wolsieffer, and the editor, David A. de Lima. Francis W. Orvis is the business manager. The paper is well printed and should command a large following among practical poultrymen. It is a monthly and cheap at the price, twenty-five cents a year.

Mrs. Denton Cole is writing a series of articles on Silver Wyandottes for The American Fancier. These articles will be accompanied by a number of illustrations made from photographs of living specimens of some of the best Silvers. Mrs. Cole has been an enthusiastic fancier and successful exhibitor of Silver Wyandottes for a long time and her stock is second to none in this country.

The Adirondack Poultry and Pet Stock Club will give a big field day at the fair grounds of the Fulton County Agricultural Society, Johnstown, N. Y., on the Fourth of July. This will be a great day of amusement and sport for the chicken fanciers and their friends. The old club is famous for its entertainments and only the most attractive races and games will be billed. It has also been decided that a Johnstown show will be held December 11 to 14. This is good news to thoroughbred fanciers for there is only one Johnstown Show when it comes down to a real fanciers' meet. The coming one will be no exception, the old guard being still in charge of affairs. President Wemple, Secretary Mosher, H. J. Quilhot, E. J. Lorentz and the rest of the officers are experienced men in handling outings and shows, so we can look for success in both functions.

Having had several inquiries regarding Aseels, and breeders who have them for sale, we give the following list of English fanciers of this rare Game fowl: E. B. Thresher, Corfe Hill, Radipole, Weymouth; Edward Leake, Castle Square, Ludlow, Shropshire; Alexander Frew, M. A., Aberkenfig, Glam.; and R. de Peele, The Church House, near Ludlow.

The Meriden Poultry, Pigeon and Pet Stock Association will hold its next annual exhibition at Meriden, Conn., December 29, 1906 to January 2, 1907. The judges who will place the ribbons are: D. A. Nichols, W. H. Card and D. J. Lambert. W. W. Sleeter is the secretary. Last year the above mentioned society was unfortunate in having the building destroyed where the show was to be held, but a new hall has been secured for the coming event, and the Meriden Show will again be among the best in the Nutmeg State.

The Scranton fanciers must have had a glorious time at their banquet last week as may be imagined by following the account of same on another page of this issue. We can guess what happened when Treasurer Megargee is one of the chief entertainers. Ask Brother Sparks or Senator Pierce and they will tell you of several social hours most pleasantly spent at the Hotel Jermyn, Scranton, with Mr. Megargee as host. The rest of the Scranton boys are of the same stamp and good fellowship reigns supreme. No wonder the Scranton Show is a drawing card.

Hatching bantam eggs from now on and until late summer is the business most important to fanciers of the ever popular dwarfs of the feathered tribe. Cochins Bantam, Silky and Sumatra hens make ideal mothers for the little fellows.

Although the annual meeting of the American Poultry Association is slated

ed to take place in the frosty month of January, nineteen hundred and seven, the wires are beginning to be pulled by ambitious candidates and their friends to land the six hundred dollar a year secretaryship. Its worth working for and some of the candidates talked about are well able to receive the coin and enjoy its benefits, and as far as we know, are able to fill the bill, as far as ability and integrity are concerned. A Western man is talked of for president, so it may be possible that the effete East will receive the recognition it deserves and land the secretaryship. The American Fancier has no candidates for either office and trusts the good sense of the members assembled at Auburn next January to select capable officers.

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an earlier issue of The American Fancier this Spring, we commented on the remarks of "Jacob Faithful," in Poultry and Pigeons, England, re single and double matings of Red Pile Game Bantams, and a copy of the paper was sent to the Rev. J. N. Williams, one of the oldest and most experienced fanciers of Game Bantams on the other side of the Atlantic. Mr. Williams sends us a very interesting letter from which we glean the following: "Now, as the most prolific writer on prize poultry matters in this country, as a 45 years' breeder, as breeder of the champion Pile (not Pyle) Bantam cockerel of 1903, and as one of the judges at the Crystal Palace, Dairy, Manchester, Royal Lancashire, Leeds, and other biggest shows, I take, besides being poultry editor of Pigeons and Poultry, I take my views of things independently of what others may think about poultry matters and I am of opinion that the one The American Fancier styles "Jacob Faithful," supporting the Rev. J. N. Williams' ideas on single matings, is right in every word he writes. From (verbal) conversations and not (written) correspondence with the many English fanciers who have visited America, and from letters from men who have returned home, America (including Canada) cannot compete with the old country successfully in consequence of which I myself and others have made large exportations of eggs and birds to America. Therefore we claim to know what we are writing about, and it is hardly fair to smile the smile a mile long when anyone takes what is written for one country and adapts it of their own free will and accord to another country." We can assure Mr. Williams that the "adoption" was for the purpose of starting a thorough discussion on this subject and getting at the real facts of the case. We are glad to note the independent spirit and positive conviction that characterize his statements and accept them in the spirit they are given, except his correction of the spelling of the word "Pyle," which is not "Pile" as Mr. Williams states. Authorities seem to agree that "Pyle" is correct, and at the Revision Committee meeting the latter was accepted as proper for use in the new American Standard of Perfection.

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Mr. Williams then goes on to say: "Here the country teems with fanciers, though we have a host of speculative poultry farmers. There are scores of men like myself with garden rails for 60 or 70 bantams, and by the old system out of 70 Pyle chickens,

say 25 are Black Reds, this leaves you 50. Ten die or meet with accident, cats, rats or hawks, etc., so we have 40 Pyles; of these 30 are cock breeding pullets, and so out of 70 chicks we really have only 10 or 15 from which we can expect any kind of show bird at all. It is absurd. The man with a 'feller' to look after them, and the run of 2 or 3 woods, etc., breeds 300 and so he has show matters all his own way and the Pyle Bantam dies out, (the most beautiful of all the varieties), by reason of the fact that the amateurs have neither time nor space, nor yet means to rear 80 per cent of worthless chickens, for the best of which as cock breeders he will do well if he sells half a dozen at \$2.50 each. On the other hand the best Brown Reds in the world and the best Birchens are all bred on the single pen system." This should make some of our Game Bantam fanciers pause for a reply. It is a statement of facts that confronts them, facts as Mr. Williams believes them to be. No doubt others will disagree with him, not only in this country, but in England as well. That is why we bring the matter up again, and trust the advocates of double matings will produce their facts with the conviction and independence that the Rev. Mr. Williams has.

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He winds up his interesting letter with: "But my remarks in P. & P. on the matter arose out of the proposal to form a new club, to alter the Standard a little, and I was given to understand it would be so altered as to give the single system a little chance. After all, Standards are only arbitrary things formed on the ideas of certain men, generally a very few, and so it does not seem anything ridiculous for others who succeed to wish to alter Standards of by-gone and obsolete times. Standards made invariably to suit the book of those that made them, or the idea of judges that follow a certain clique. I hope you won't mind my mentioning this matter in this way. Because I am of all things most anxious to see fanciers and poultry farmers supported. Fanciers not farmers made the fancy and caused it to be the profitable thing it is to-day, and such fanciers will stick to the fancy after poultry farmers are played out. And played out they will be like other industries have been sooner or later, when the thing becomes overdone. And would like to see too, an amalgamation of the Standards of the two countries so that values are raised." To the above, all true fanciers will say Amen, even if the allusion to arbitrary Standard making hits close to them.

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We would like to ask the Rev. Williams, knowing him to be a strong admirer of the Hamburg fowl, how he would make a Standard for Silver Pencilled Hamburgs so as to avoid double matings? It was once advocated at a revision Standard meeting, held in 1897, to make the male hen-feathered on breast and wings in order to do away with double matings, but Hamburg fanciers entered an emphatic NO. The Silver Campine can be bred from a single mating but there is no white male bird with black sickles and tail.

J. N. Williams



Hot weather brings a mighty sight of work to some poultrymen.

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The lousy calf goes through the winter and dies in the spring time. The lousy hen does more, she will die in the spring, but not until she has distributed among the flock the pests that have done away with her. The moral is to fight bugs all the time. Every known method should be followed to keep down the pests.

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Don't forget to put a brood of chicks in the garden near the melon and cucumber hills. Turkeys are still better, for they destroy more insects than chicks. Keep the hen confined in a coop. The little chicks will do no harm to growing plants, unless they find the lettuce or young cabbage plants—so govern yourself accordingly.

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North Carolina had one of the finest agricultural displays at the Chicago World's Fair. The State is now becoming noted for poultry products. Pure bred fowls as fine as can be raised in any State are now bred in North Carolina, and fine poultry shows are a feature, and there are poultry associations galore, and warm-hearted true poultry fanciers by the hundred.

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When the American Poultry Association meets next winter at Auburn, N. Y., every poultryman present should attend the poultry institutes that are to be held. These institutes are of great benefit to the poultry industry, and the more information disseminated the greater will be the demand for poultry.

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A Virginia man fired a shotgun at a hawk that was after his chickens. He killed the mother hen and fourteen chickens, and the hawk sailed away to the woods. A country newspaper says so—so it must be true. It should have added that the man was a good shot, or the reporter likely must have counted wrong.

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An exchange says: Lice are frequently the cause of much disease among fowls. A bird infested with lice will contract a slight cold and were it not weakened by the ravages of the pests, no ill effect would result. But because of its weakened condition the slight cold can develop into roup and the entire flock be in danger of contagion.

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Mistakes, blunders, bumbles, neglect, don't care, heedlessness, indifference, delays, damaged foods, run down fowls, lice, mites, filth, dirty drinking water and vessels, and many other things are credited to "bad luck." All these things gotten rid of, "good luck" has its inning. Queer what a pendulum existence poultry raising is.

Funny, too, that you hear so many men complaining of "bad luck," and others boasting of "good luck," when they all know results are always caused by reasons. The "poor luck" man wants something to blame it on, and the "good luck" man in telling of his luck lets escape evidence of methods. Summary: Good luck is the result of proper methods, bad luck the lack of them.

The Perches.

If there is anything about the furniture of the poultry house that needs careful attention, it is the perches, or roosts. On these the hens spend over half their time, and it is quite necessary that they be hygienic in every way.

So many poultrymen have such high roosts that the fowl, in jumping down, bruise their feet, and the disease known as bumble foot results. Others place their roost poles in a stair form.

This causes all the fowl to crowd to the top roost, and, of course, the weaker ones get crowded off, and some are crippled or killed.

To avoid this difficulty, place the roosts on a level, and only sixteen or eighteen inches high, then when the fowl alight from the roosts there will be no danger of injury to them.

The reason fowl like roosts is that in their wild state they learned to roost as high as possible, so as to avoid their enemies. I would rather see only eight inches above the floor than to see them four or five feet above.

The kind of roost pole is quite important. It should be free of any creases or cracks wherein lice may find a lodging place. This is quite important.

They should not be smaller than two or three inches in width or diameter. A two by four, made on one edge and placed on edge, makes a very good roost pole.

The poles should be placed so as to be movable that they may be taken out and cleaned once in awhile. The handiest way is to mark a low trestle, and let the roosts set in notches cut in them.

Make them solid, but do not nail fast.

Now give the whole thing a good coat of coal tar or whitewash, and you will have a roost that no sanitarium crank will ever find fault with, and one that you will find quite beneficial in every way.

Bran and clover mixed is an excellent food for the fowls.

Put the nests in a shaded place and where the hens can easily reach them.

Be sure the roosts are stationary and do not shake.

Before the warm weather be sure everything concerning the poultry is clean.

Dry-picked fowls present a plumper appearance when dressed than scalded ones.

Pigeon and Pet Stock Fancy

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ABYSSINIAN CAVY

Mr. George J. McBride, of Chicago, has purchased, during the past few months, some of "Sandy" Hay's Fans, which should make him a strong competitor against our friend Will Schock. Something will have to be done to stop "Will" from capturing all the firsts and specials. So it is up to you, Mr. McBride, and others. Probably that well known Evansville fancier, Mr. Fred Weiss, will be on "deck" again next season. Who can tell?

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It seems that those well known Jacobin breeders, Messrs. Hyde and Lang, have at last stopped their controversy and settled down to breeding Jacks. Both own grand collections of this variety, and there is always "something doing" when they meet.

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In England they have at last improved on the old style of setting pigeons. Mr. Horsfall is hatching his birds in an incubator. Now if some "Yankee Genius" would only solve the problem of a successful brooder, we would accomplish a great "fete."

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We believe the Magpie meet will be in the east this coming season. Whether at New York or Boston, we do not know as yet. This club is in a most flourishing condition, and should have a grand "turnout" at their meet. The members have imported the best in England, and with the offsprings of such aristocrats should make a battle royal.

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We have received from Messrs. H. & J. G. Smith, of Syracuse, a photo of their Red Dragoon, "Colonel." This bird won as a yearling in England, and at New York and Boston he was first and special. The photo is a little out of focus and gives it the appearance that it moved, but we shall try and get a good half-tone to produce next issue.

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A beginner in pigeon culture, or rather, we hope a beginner, wrote to a well known fancier for prices and descriptions of a few winners. On receiving a reply he nearly had heart disease. We believe the price quoted for a certain New York winner was \$35—very reasonable indeed considering the variety. When will the American public learn that the real "stuff" in pigeons bring a trifle more than squab-breeders. At a recent auction sale of Owls from the lofts of Mr. John Brayshaw, England, the following prices were realized: Owl cock

"Sensation," \$330; Silver hen, \$160; another at \$55. This was the same bird Mr. Watmough offered \$500 for and was refused. So, after all, there are a few who are not seized with that awful attack in purchasing pigeons, especially when buying winners.

Seasonable Hints.

A spare flight or two come in very useful. Birds should not be kept always in the same place. A change does them good, and it is also beneficial to allow the loft and the flight occasionally to be empty. Places are rendered more healthful by being allowed to "cool."

Always remember that new wheat will greatly help the birds through the moult.

Pigeons are often troubled with worms, and when one does not seem to thrive, and it is not apparent what is the matter with the bird, the best plan is to try and see if it is not worms. We advise giving worm remedy. It can't do any harm, and probably will do considerable good.

Zinc ointment is a most excellent remedy for cold in the eye or eyes.

Never feed anything to your pigeons that is not sound and good.

Follow in the footsteps of experienced fanciers to be successful.

Endeavor, under all circumstances, to keep a strict eye on your birds, and see that they have everything which is likely to tend to their enjoying the best of health. This will give the owner an easy mind.

Pigeon Eggs in Incubators. (Pigeons and Poultry.)

Elsewhere will be found the names of some of those who were present, and from which it will be seen that a very representative body of the leading lights of the Fancy graced the show with their presence. Apart from the interest created in the show itself, fanciers were very full of talk concerning their season's breeding operations, and outside the tent, while waiting for the judges to get through their big tasks, much good natured banter was indulged in. One of the tit-bits we came across was the information vouchsafed by our friend Mr. W. E. Horsfall, that he is hatching out his pigeon eggs in an incubator! This is too good to keep to ourselves, and hasten to give our readers the hint, though we hope it will not get to Mr. Horsfall's ears. Our Halifax friend is using a small Tamlin incubator.

He removes the eggs from under the feeders to the incubator a few days before they are due, and when the youngsters are hatched out back they go to the feeders. He says the plan works admirably. He now has no youngsters dead in the shell. Everything hatches out like clock work; in fact, he would dispense with the feeders entirely but he is afraid of the incubator gibbing after it had fed off its soft food! The incubator trade will go up after this!

Paterson District Race.

The four hundred mile race of the Paterson District, N. F. A. H. P. F., was flown on Memorial Day, Wednesday, May 30, from Chatham, Va. Mr. W. C. N. Merchant liberated the birds at 5:25 o'clock, A. M., the weather being clear and calm. At home the weather was clear with strong north-west to west winds. One hundred and fifty four birds from twelve lofts completed:

Order of Arrival.

Place	Loft	Speed in yards per minute.
1	Fred Anderson.....	1,140.69
2	Kershaw & Eveleigh.....	1,139.83
3	Kershaw & Eveleigh.....	1,136.21
4	David Van Buskirk.....	1,136.11
5	James Rogers.....	1,133.04
6	John Perry.....	1,122.17
7	William Thompson.....	1,121.53
8	Geo. E. Kuett.....	1,121.23
9	Emil Coene.....	1,115.64
10	H. E. Mertell.....	1,113.37
11	G. W. Cisco.....	1,112.17
12	W. R. Noice.....	1,084.62
13	P. Klapmunt.....	1,073.49

J. F. MASTERSON, Secretary.

West Side District of Buffalo.

The one hundred mile race of the West Side District N. F. A. H. P. F., of Buffalo, was flown on Saturday, May 26. Mr. C. W. Savelle liberated the birds at 10 o'clock, A. M., the weather being cloudy, with southwest wind, the same conditions prevailing at home:

Order of Arrival.

Place	Loft	Speed in yards per minute.
1	George C. Peters.....	1,400.63
2	Knox & Betts.....	1,391.42
3	George C. Peters.....	1,384.41
4	Fellows & Walker.....	1,381.81
5	Knox & Betts.....	1,381.60
6	Fellows & Walker.....	1,367.22
7	John P. Young.....	1,355.46
8	John P. Young.....	1,353.80

Nos. 1 and 2 took diplomas.

JOHN F. KNOX, Race Secretary.

Mr. F. Warner on the Magpie (Pigeons and Poultry.)

The improvement in the last five years has not been so great in the individual specimen as in the average quality of the bulk of the birds shown, which at the classical events to-day are fit to win almost anywhere, and render it a most difficult task for the judges to separate. They should now turn their attention to greater length of neck and limb, improved style, and general structural properties, taking care not to endanger the beautiful long, straight faces and general head points.

Then, dealing with the colors in standard order, Mr. Warner contended that the blacks, although showing improved body type, evidenced a falling off in quality of eye and cere, a deficiency of lustre, and a tendency to bronziness in color. Stained beaks usually denoted excellent feather properties, and although a clean-beaked bird should be given the preference, it was found that if the possessors of stained beaks were entirely ignored, and only those possessing clean beaks bred from, the result was a distinct tendency to bronzy necks.

The reds he considered were the most difficult to breed, the majority

at present showing nasty fan tails and ugly short legs. The color should of course, be a beautiful blood-red, but it was not wise to despise all the plum-colored birds in breeding. If this were done a copper tinge was sure to be eventually discerned in the color.

The yellows were mostly divided into two distinct shades, one being of a pale cold shade, and the other of a rich Cochiny hue. The correct colour was a rich golden-yellow, to produce and retain which both of the first mentioned tints are necessary. The yellows were generally distinctly more typical than reds.

Next we come to blues, and there a great drop in type is apparent. In 1883 he bought off Mr. R. Woods the only then known blue in the country. After doing a deal of winning with this bird, it unfortunately died, but two or three years later he was able to regain the strain, and from them later on, the first silver was produced. This bird was bred from a pair of slatey-coloured blues, and was nothing great in colour, but excellent in type. He, however, sent to Germany for a few blues, and from them selected the only one worth keeping—a cock of grand profile and a beautiful clear colour. This bird was paired to the silvery hen, the progeny being perfect silvers, winning second at the following Dairy Show. In two or three years, however, there were two distinct shades of colour in silvers, one being of a bluey and the other of a creamy tint, particularly on neck. The latter were by far the better type. It was a common thing to find at a show a first awarded to a bluey necked, second to a creamy, third again to a bluey, and so on. It was then decided, very unwisely as it subsequently turned out, to entirely eradicate the creamy-necked birds, and so successfully was this accomplished that the result was a serious loss in type and style, which proproperties have not, even to this day, been completely regained. The creams were originally bred from creamy-necked silvers, and were obtained in about two seasons systematic breeding. The present-day creams have not the beautiful colour of the birds thus bred, they mostly looking like washed-out yellows, and clearly indicating their method of production.

In duns there is apparent a deplorable falling off in quality, there being at the present time only three or four really good ones known. Several years ago some really beautiful duns were shown, and it was eventually discovered they were obtained from a fancier who had some good blacks, reds and yellows, and who after a season or two lost all interest in his birds, and had allowed them to breed pretty much as they liked, the result being the beautiful coloured duns. Perhaps the correct way to breed duns was to pair a black, of dunnish tendencies, to a red, and the progeny to yellows.

The lecturer now remarked on the prevailing practice of many young fanciers in crossing the colours without any definite object in view, and declared that a black, a red, or a yellow could not, generally, be improved by mating to any other colours, that silvers could not improve blues, the only possibly advantageous cross being a typical blue to a silver, with the object of improving the silver. Another practice that required most

careful handling and thought was the crossing of different strains.

Mr. Warner then uttered a warning against too close and persistent inbreeding. He said if this were done for one or two generations, although the structural properties of the skull might be improved, the equally almost certain result would be a loss of the beautiful eye and cere, especially in blacks, a looseness of feather, loss of colour and lustre, and a lack of that alertness and character so highly prized in a typical Magpie. He then touched upon the value of strain, and



PERUVIAN CAVY.

said the majority of the younger fanciers wanted to achieve equal results in a short time to what had taken the older fanciers twenty years' persistent plodding to accomplish.

He strongly recommended small, separate houses for each pair, the Magpie being by nature a somewhat wild bird, and proved by his own experience to do better under these conditions than when several pairs were kept together in a large aviary. He suggested it would be much better for fanciers in a small way to keep three or four pairs separately than seven or eight under the old system. The best method of breeding was to pair up early in February, if the weather was at all suitable, and separate early in the summer. The best staple food, in his opinion, was good maple peas, to which should be added a few tares, if quite sound and free from mustiness, and as an appetiser for breakfast a little canary and less hemp. In the breeding season a little dari and lentils should be added. He never, at any time of the year, used wheat, maize, or barley.

After having held the close attention of the members for nearly an hour and a half, the lecturer brought his remarks to a close, but subsequently answered several questions, including one from Mr. Burgess as to where, in his opinion, legitimate trimming ended and faking commenced.

Mr. Warner declared there was very little trimming indeed practiced in the Magpie Fancy; that in judging he always examined the birds most carefully, and failed to find any bad examples. He attributed this desirable state of affairs to the fact that if a bird was slightly mismarked but otherwise good it was not now pegged back, and that for those possessing good general properties but badly mismarked there remained, at the larger events, the stock classes.

Dr. Buchan moved that a very hearty vote of thanks be accorded Mr. Warner for his instructive lecture, and remarked that the lecturer was one of the oldest members of the society, had taken over the secretarial

duties some years ago when the affairs were in a very critical state, and was now evidently prepared to assist and further its objects by readily complying with any request that might be made to him. Mr. C. S. Palmer seconded, and naturally, on being put to the meeting, it was carried enthusiastically.

Mr. Warner briefly replied, and remarked he was always very pleased to help the society that had, in his earliest days as a fancier, helped him. This brought a most enjoyable meeting to a close.

HOW TO CARE FOR PERUVIAN CAVIES.

William Clarke, in Fur and Feathers.

Housing.

You want a hutch, about two feet long, eighteen inches wide, and thirteen inches high, with one-half inch mesh wire netting, with a door frame thirteen inches high by nine inches wide, made of one inch or three-quarter inch flooring boards. This is a nice size for breeding in, or for a show specimen. Some fanciers prefer heat, but I don't believe in it. Why? Because when a Peruvian is bred by heat and then sent to a show held in a tent or cold hall, what is the result? It frets with the cold travelling to and from the shows, and then never eats anything; the consequence is, it pines away and dies. The Peruvian is the most delicate amongst the Cavy tribe on account of its amount of coat. You can get very long sweeps without using heat. I use no heat. I house all mine in pens inside of another house. Thus I can feed and brush them up at my leisure, without any fear of rough weather catching me and injuring the pigs.

Feeding.

I feed my Cavies twice a day and give them sufficient to last them to the next feed. In the morning I give them carrots and good crushed Scotch oats, and at night rice and milk. Peruvian Cavies are fed different to smooths. Menu—carrots, milk, rice boiled, hay, bran, and milk mashes with a little of Thorley's Spice and good crushed Scotch oats; feed vice versa every day from the menu. You must not feed your Peruvians on heating stuffs, because this is simple ruin to a good Peruvian. If fed on heating food they start chewing their coats, because their skin is irritated by their taking the heating stuffs which are not needed. This is the secret of keeping the Peruvian from chewing their coats.

Breeding.

Cavies generally go seventy-one days; some go less and some go more.

There is often two and three in a litter at a time; some have as many as six and nine, but I like to see just two or three strong youngsters, with good thick coats on. When they are born, they are just like Abyssinians with rosettes, but they will grow out by grooming them. When they are a month old separate them in single pens. When you have separated them, take the Cavy in your hands, blow down the skin on the hind quarters. You will see little white insects strolling about; these insects are born in all young Cavies. What you want to do—get a tin of Keeting's Insect Powder, dust them all over with it. They will be all gone by the next morning. Now these insects are in some of the noted exhibitors' Cavies, especially in smooths. I have been at shows and seen them. Now, exhibitors wonder how the skin is broken. Perhaps a bare patch with the fur missing, and then the poor stewards get the weight of it for rough handling. This is all neglect. Now, exhibitors examine your stock, and put them through the mill. When they have about two inches of coat start and groom them every day. When they get about three months, you will soon tell what they are going to be. Always chose the thick coated ones, with nicely furnished heads, for show purposes. The other just keep for breeding purposes. When a Cavy reaches six months it should have a coat from six to eight inches long with a fringe hanging down in front of its head. Grooming is the main art for getting length on your Cavies. The more you groom, the longer the coat, using a little force to make the hair grow.

Washing.

I use two baths—one for hot, and one for cold. In the first place get a bath about eighteen inches in circumference, put in hot water, to reach half way up the body of the Cavy. Before putting the Cavy in get your water ready with soap suds, just nicely hot. Don't rub soap on the Cavies. Get the Cavy by one hand by the shoulders, and use the other for rubbing the soap suds on for about two minutes. Then take it out, put it in a bath of luke-warm water; wash all the soap suds off, then get your coarse towel ready, put him in it, and let it drain the thick of it off. Take it to the fire and rub it with another dry, coarse towel until nearly dry. When about dry, keep brushing it out with a medium hair brush (not too coarse or too soft) until it is dry. Then lie its sweep in paper and put it back in its hutch, on a nice bed of hay, strapped down to hinder them from getting underneath it. Always wash them two days before the show. Don't forget to put a little bitter aloes in the hot water bath.

Exhibiting.

In the first place you want a travelling box about ten inches broad, ten inches long, and eight inches high, with half-inch holes bored at the top of box and straps around it, to keep it secure. Bed your box at the bottom with sawdust, and hay on top strapped down. Put in one corner, a handful of oats and some carrots for the Cavy to eat whilst traveling to shows. If my Cavies have an extra length of coat I generally put a small tally on a piece of string, which ties their sweep up so that the stewards can see it when on judging table. I write on this label—"please stewards, kindly tie up sweep when judged." I think I have said enough to help a novice with this variety, which is the king of the Cavy tribe. There is nothing that looks better than a Peruvian when in tip-top form.

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Farm, Field and Garden

BY G. O. BROWN

Cool the milk as quick as possible. Always keep it out of the sun. Have the pans the milk is to go into cooled. Never keep anything with an odor near the milk or dairy house.

Rotation of crops is nature's method of providing food nourishment for plants. Bad effects soon result if a plant is left to feed on its own decay, producing fungus and other troubles. Humus is the life of all soils, and fertility can only be maintained when humus is also in the soil. Different plants require different plant foods. Rotation will provide these elements and keep the soil in better condition than single cropping, no matter how heavy the manuring may be.

Don't forget the "hired man" belongs to the human family. A good example in kindness accomplishes a great deal. A considerate boss never loses anything.

The gasoline engine on the farm is becoming a great factor in these days of hard to get labor. With this power on the farm, bad weather can find plenty of work to be done. Labor saving devices, which at one time the farmers so loudly decried as an invasion, are now really their salvation.

Why not experiment just a little with some of the various things you never have tried to grow on the farm. This might be especially a good thing in the garden products. You don't know how many good things you are missing that you could as well be enjoying.

Every farm should keep a few hives of bees. The home supply of honey should more than pay for the trouble. Any surplus honey can readily be sold. The bees are invaluable as aids to help fertilize many plants on the farm. Honey is not only wholesome, but is also valuable in a medicinal way.

Alfalfa is becoming established in Maryland. The State Experiment Station has been instrumental in demonstrating its value to our farmers and have shown that it can be very successfully grown in the State. The Station officials will put a field in alfalfa at the Hartford County poor-house farm. Farmers are just beginning to understand and appreciate the valuable work and object lessons the Experiment Station has accomplished.

Producers of milk, sensibly advises New York Farmer, should put on silos. Do it this year. Hay is a failure on ninety-nine out of each hundred farms that ship away milk. Where silos have been put on in the past three to ten years, the results have been very satisfactory. With silage more milk and better milk is produced at a lower cost.

The dairy ration should be palatable. It should be nutritious. It should be digestible, abundant and as inexpensive as possible after the other essentials are secured. But we should never lose sight of the fact that no ration is ever good enough or cheap enough to coax a profit out of a worthless cow.

Keep the cultivator bright with

work. Cultivation is a moisture conservator, but if the ground is dry don't run the cultivator teeth deep; keep the top soil stirred only.

Have everything in readiness to do quick and good work in the meadows. Cut the timothy and orchard grass as soon as the bloom sheds. Cut the clover soon as blooms begin to get "off color."

In many sections the grass crop is short and the pastures poor. Look ahead and sow some corn for fodder, to help out the pastures later. On farms where dairying is a feature a green crop to supplement short pasture will become a necessity.

Timely cultivation of corn serves two purposes. The stirring of the soil stimulates the growth of corn and the operation kills myriads of sprouting and growing weeds.

The hot weather and dust are severe on the farm teams, and they should be well cared for. See that the harness fits properly, especially the collars. It is better to give the team a chance to drink several times during the day than to oblige them to go long intervals and then drink copiously.

There is work here and work there, work everywhere. With the corn "just suffering" for lack of cultivation, the grass and clover ready for the mower and weeds everywhere in evidence, the farmer has problems before him. Plenty of help at this stage becomes necessary. There is no economy in being short-handed when the annual rush comes. If there are not hands enough to keep up with the work and the farmer gets behind hand it means a loss of crops and other disappointments.

Next the wheat and rye will be ready. It must be cut at the right time or more loss occurs.

The crowding work causes the garden to be neglected, yet it will pay for "all hands" to turn in and "do" the garden "in no time." Future good and wholesome dinners, remember, depends on a good garden—a good garden is one frequently cultivated and kept free from weeds.

Keep the soil loose around the roses, and the soil can be advantageously dressed with liquid manure from the barnyard. After the application, as soon as soil dries, break up crust with rake or hoe, and mulch with lawn mower clippings.

Watch foliage of all roses and other bushes on the lawn for inside depre-dators. If the insects are working on the leaves dust with air-slaked lime, throwing it on so the under side is reached as well as the top.

Lime is good to put on soil. It is not a fertilizer, but it affords a chemical action on the soil constituents that will make more plant food available, and it will help to destroy destructive insects.

Cut off the ends of all dead branches back to green wood on the orchard trees. Do this in June and the wounds will soon be covered with bark. If big branches are removed cover the cut with shellac.

The strawberry and ice cream are now in close communion at the church festivals. A noted physician says that there is a marked increase of insane people when the strawberry crop is in market. He is correct. We've noticed how crazy everyone is to buy Maryland strawberries.

Many sections of the South are becoming famous for apple raising. The Albermarle Pippin, raised in Virginia, has a world-wide reputation. Tennessee, Georgia, North Carolina, West Virginia and Maryland are now producing certain varieties (standard sorts) that equal in every respect those raised in any other State. Every year new discoveries are made of the wonderful resources of the Southern States.

Protect Stock From Flies.

To get the most out of farm animals one must do everything possible to have them comfortable. Any dairyman knows that he loses many dollars in summer by the falling off of the milk supply because of the intense irritation caused the cows by flies. It is not within the province of this department to give free advertising to any concern, but it is quite allowable to recommend the good liquid mixtures that are being offered by several manufacturers for the purpose of keeping flies from farm stock. Several of these mixtures have been on the market for a number of years, and after severe tests have been found all that was claimed for them, and that not the slightest injury was done the stock. Probably dealers in farm supplies in any town can supply one of these mixtures. The stables can be fairly well protected from flies by covering the windows with wire netting of a rather small mesh; this netting will admit all of the air needed for ventilation, yet keep out the flies. It would not be a bad idea to put up screen doors over the frames of all the small doors entering the barn. It will pay to go to some trouble to rid the cows of the fly pest.

Geese are profitable, but require free range, water, and green pasture in which to thrive.

Ducklings grow better and faster where there is no pond or stream for them to exercise in all day.

Have water always before them, where they can drink and so wash down their feed whenever they wish.

In the Spring.

Hopes wake,
Men rake,
Bones ache,
Boils break.
Hearts leap,
Maids sweep,
Snakes creep,
Overcoats cheap.
Lovers sigh,
Boats ply,
Rents high,
Fishermen lie.
June breeze,
Blooming trees,
Cough, sneeze,
Freeze, wheeze.
Spirits light,
Outlook bright,
Roosters fight,
Mosquitoes bite.
Arms cling,
Birds sing,
Bees sting,
It's spring.
Advertise in The Fancier.

The American Fancier is It.

To The American Fancier:
Sold Indians Monday. Discontinue the advertisement. The American Fancier is "it," and I'm with you.
Yours truly,
F. M. THOMAS.
Catskill, N. Y., May 2, 1906.

A1 In Advertising.

Editor American Fancier:
Sorry we did not get in with the bunch earlier in the season, but our brief experience proves to us that your paper is A1 in advertising.
E. S. FREEMAN,
Manager Universal Regulator Co.
Plainville, Conn.

His First Love.

Editor American Fancier:
I will contract for space annually in The American Fancier, as I consider it my "first love" in the poultry paper line, having been a subscriber from its first issue.
JAMES B. N. FITCH.
Mt. Vernon, N. Y., May 21, 1906.

The Right Sort of Inquiries.

To The American Fancier:
We are getting a great many inquiries from our advertisement in The American Fancier and they are of the right sort and have several fine sales under way. We care more for this class of inquiries than those we receive by the dozen and which never amount to anything.
PRAGER & SHILLING.
Chicago, Ill., April 26, 1906.

Seems Good to Him.

To The American Fancier:
It seems good to get the Fancier in the good old way, and there is but one "American Fancier," and that is when "Drey" is the Editor. We hope that all the cranks in hendom will do their little bit to push a good thing along.
Yours truly,
PERMARTHEL POULTRY YARDS,
H. G. Ruth, Mgr.
Olean, N. Y.

Good Returns.

To The American Fancier:
We received American Fancier with ad in it, and have already had good returns from the same.
Yours truly,
ATWOOD KREIDER.
Lititz, Pa.

The Finishing Touch.

To The American Fancier:
I want to congratulate you on the improvement of the paper. The cover puts the finishing touch on, and it is now getting to be a grand paper. Wishing you success, I am,
Yours truly,
LUTESINGER & SON.
Auburn, N. Y., April 26, 1906.

Swamped With Orders.

To The American Fancier:
Kindly cut out my large classified advertisement and just run the small one. I am swamped with orders. Have had to refuse some. Have had as high as eleven settings of my best eggs ordered in one mail. Please cut the ad out as soon as possible. Wishing you success with your bright, newsy paper, I remain,
Very truly yours,
ARTHUR BOUCK.
Frankfort, N. Y., April 20, 1906.

Standby for Years.

To The American Fancier:
We are more than pleased to see the old American Fancier by itself again. It has been our standby for years. It is the one that heads the line, favoring neither friend or foe, and when it comes to show reports, you have the whole thing, not "our patrons winning," such reports are like reading a prospectus instead of the book, and, again, the news is fresh, brief and to the point. Long may her eagle live to scream.
Yours truly,
W. E. SAMSON.
Forest City, Pa., May 14, 1906.

The Only Paper to Advertise In.

To The American Fancier:
The American Fancier is the ONLY paper to advertise in. It has sold me birds and eggs over fourteen hundred dollars worth. The only reason I stopped my advertisement was that it was selling me out too fast. Have shipped eggs to every State in the Union; also, several lots to Canada. Wishing you success, and long life to the eagle, I am,
Most truly yours,
CHAS. H. BRUNDAGE.
Danbury, Conn., April 27, 1906.

Like Old Times.

To The American Fancier:
It seems like old times to get The American Fancier in its up-to-date form. This first, the others afterwards. Wishing you success, I am,
Very respectfully,
ELLIS DUNTZ.
Glencoe Mills, N. Y., May 3, 1906.

Bantam News

"The proudest Bantam in any barn-yard crows two octaves higher when he is scratching in some other rooster's gravel."

The rate for free advertising is not quoted in most poultry journals; yet, in some instances, it proves to be quite expensive.

The Schilling vs. Radford Bantam ownership controversy has reached an acute stage, and it has now become necessary to bolt the doors and draw the shutters. Martial law has been declared and everyone should keep off the streets lest he be hit with a stray highball. The reign of terror will soon begin, unless prompt measures are resorted to and wiser counsel prevails. "Bein' as the meetin' is now open," Mr. Editor, I move you that Arthur Schilling and Prager be sent back to Germany on the Fuerst Kaiser Wilhelm der Erste, (which brought over the Pilsner Papers), and that Frank Radford be sent to Siberia for two weeks; and that the birds in question be turned over to E. R. Collins, of Brooklyn, N. Y., who is looking for some good Buffs for a little money.

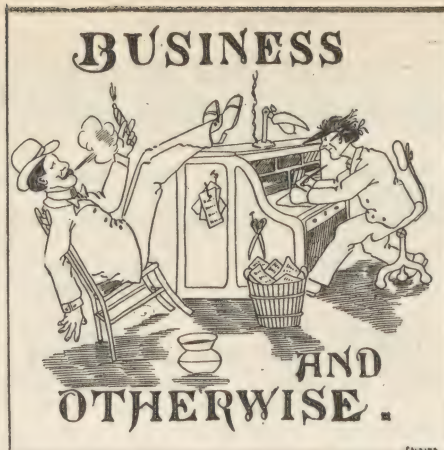
The Bantam fanciers of the country are greatly indebted for the favors and courtesies which have always been and are now accorded them by the editor and management of The American Fancier in devoting valuable space to their interests and in otherwise benefitting the Bantam fancy. The Fancier may, with propriety, be designated "the official organ of Bantam interests." There seems to be little room for doubt that if the Editor's brain were to undergo a microscopical examination, the Bantam convolutions would be found to be in a high state of development.

Things are waxing quite lively now over in the Borough of Brooklyn on account of a series of blow-outs which W. Albers is giving his chickens. When not engaged in playing a yellow French horn, Mr. Albers is occupied in rooting some cuttings from his Buff Japanese Bantam plant. Everything about the place is carried on with military precision and even the birds have become accustomed to arise in the morning at reveille and lie at the sound of taps.

Charles Jehl, of Buff Cochon Bantam fame, Ex-Secretary of the National Bantam Association, and the most popular Bantam fancier West of anywhere, decided that Long Branch was what President Roosevelt meant by the "big stick," and is now pleasantly located in that famous sea-side resort. Mr. Jehl has been very successful in producing the right kind and his Buffs are much sought after—having discovered twenty-three missing one morning recently. They were probably borrowed by some fancier who was too busy during the day to come after them, yet it is a very serious matter to rob a United States male.

UNCLE DUDLEY.

Fowls have likes and dislikes, and it well to study them if you wish for good results.



He who aspires to be a successful fancier must have, before everything else, a reasonable share of common sense. He must have sense to see his circumstances and his facilities for breeding fowls; to make the best of the means at his command; to count the cost of his enterprise; to apply the knowledge he possesses to the particular matter in hand; to exercise his judgment in breeding, feeding, and managing his fowls from the beginning of the season to its close. He must have common sense to profit by what he reads and hears and sees; to understand how to use the experience, the successes and failures of others for his own benefit. Neither an editor, nor any other person, however well informed in poultry matters and however skillful in imparting information, can supply to anyone this sense, which is really a very scarce article in mankind.

The would-be fancier must also be a close observer of fowls. He should be a specialist, giving the subject of poultry breeding enthusiastic study. Many things, may, of course, be learned by authority, but no lesson is learned so well as that which is learned from experience and observation. For this reason, if for no other, the fancier cannot afford to entrust his flock to the care of subordinates; not, at least, for a few years. It is only by having the personal oversight of his flock; by ministering to their wants in the minutest particular, and by carefully studying their habits, that the amateur can gain that knowledge which is essential to success. There is a wide field here for the cultivation of the habit of observation. And this habit, when once acquired, is useful in every occupation in life.

In large poultry establishments for producing for the markets it is easy enough to procure help and train them thoroughly to assist in the needful operations connected with the business. Of course, first-class help is hard to get in any business, but we do not know that the poultry business is any more difficult than other industries, or that it is harder to procure competent assistants in this calling than it is in others. When, however, we take the fancy poultry business, or the keeping of a small flock of fowls with a view to careful breeding and improving the strain, it will be found that it is very difficult to get anybody outside of the family of the breeder who will give the very careful and minute attention necessary to attain success.

The hired helper is very apt to perform his work in a mechanical way. To attend to a small flock of choice fowls in a proper way there should be

the stimulus of ownership. This counts for a good deal. The attendant should be a fancier himself and take a personal interest in his charge. There are a great many poultry breeders whose business takes them away from home a great deal of the time, and who experience great difficulty in finding assistants to take charge of their fowls when they are away.

In case the fancier is so situated that he can attend to his pets himself, he reaps the full reward of the pastime. We mean that if he does everything with his own head and hands he will enjoy all there is in the hobby. Often the gardener of the millionaire who takes care of the flowers on the grounds of the latter, enjoys ten times as much in their contemplation as the owner himself. When he has planted and weeded and watered and cared for a plant and seen it develop to the full blossoming stage, he appreciates it more thoroughly than anyone else can who bestows upon it a mere passing glance now and then.

Just so in the poultry yard. To appreciate chickens completely one must have reared the fowls himself, having watched over them at every stage. Then he feels that they truly belong to him. He bred them, he reared them and they are almost a creation of his.

To hire a man to attend to your fowls while you are away at your office or store, is almost like having a wooden man to be wound up like clock work to do the business for you. Some things can be done by proxy very well, but you cannot very well employ another party to eat your dinner for you or attend a concert in your behalf. Neither can you be an amateur poultry fancier by proxy.

The more we do the more we want to do.

Does your ad. bring satisfactory returns? If not, change it.

A good advertiser is forever on the lookout for hints and suggestions.

Communications

LIGHT BRAHMAS PROFITABLE.

Editor American Fancier:

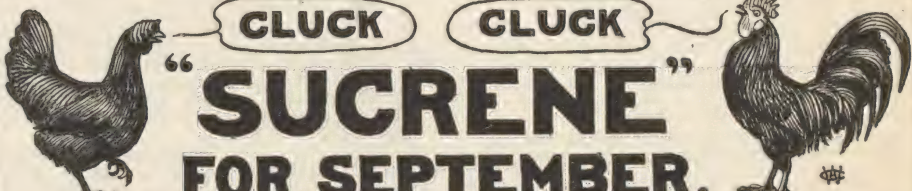
We were very much pleased to note Secretary John Rumbold's words in the last Fancier about the grand old Light Brahma. Surely, they have been somewhat neglected of late, yet it seems now as if a revived interest is being taken in this grand and useful breed, as we note by the inquiries and also by the large displays seen at some of our poultry shows. It is time that the many breeders all over the country give an extra amount of their labor to the laying qualities of the Light Brahma and see in a few years if it cannot rank in the hearts of all poultrymen as high as some of the high-flyers. They are very hardy, but, of course, owing to their larger size take on fat faster and easier than the smaller breeds; but still by making them exercise it is an easy matter to get eggs out of them the year round. We have kept birds in an enclosure made of three foot wire set right on the ground. The cocks could look over the top of the wire but would not offer to fly over. Thus, they are the real thing for a small lot, if you wish to keep friends with your neighbors. We are glad if the Light Brahmas are getting back in line again to the immense popularity they once held and which is still their due.

We have had inquiries many times for eggs for hatching by the thousand, and to-day received a letter asking us to quote price on fifteen cases Light Brahma eggs. We mention these simply to show that they are thought a great deal of by the practical man yet.

EAST VIEW POULTRY YARDS.

Ballston Spa, N. Y., May 29, 1906.

Don't linger with your thoughts too long; think and act quickly.



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SCRANTON FANCIERS DINE.

The Scranton Poultry Association conducted their first annual banquet one night last week at Williams' dining room. Covers were laid for fifty guests.

The menu was a most unique one, the card being egg-shaped and eatables all named in regular poultry parlance. Here it is:

Long Alfalfa Bantam Eggs
"White Wyandotte" Broth
Roast "Buff Orpington"
"Rhode Island Red" Jelly
Canadian Peas Potato Mash
"Silver Cup" Cake
"Blue Ribbon" Ice Cream
"White Leghorn" Cheese Prize Wafers
"Roup Cure"
"Fumigating Candles"

Dr. Winebrake acted as toastmaster, and made a most entertaining one, creating no end of amusement by his witty introduction of the speakers. He told several interesting stories that brought down the house.

The first speaker he introduced as "Rhode Island Red" Beer, better known as Attorney F. E. Beers, who spoke on "Scranton."

A sleight-of-hand exhibition showing some marvelous tricks was given by William Hyatt, of New York, when Secretary Mahy declined to handle a euchre deck the magician began to draw cards from Mahy's pocket. He gave two exhibitions.

Mr. George G. Mahy then gave a most interesting talk on "Breeding of Poultry and Its Influence on Poultry Men."

George Stevenson, of Waverly, was the next speaker and was introduced as George Hornless Holstein Stevenson. He told how he had succeeded in breeding the Hornless Holstein, also how he had succeeded in poultry raising.

W. H. Hagen, of Mears & Hagen, was called upon and read the following poem:

Winebrake, like the stork, can deliver the goods;
Help the boy with a growing pain,
But there's only one who can help the man
Who has chicken on the brain.

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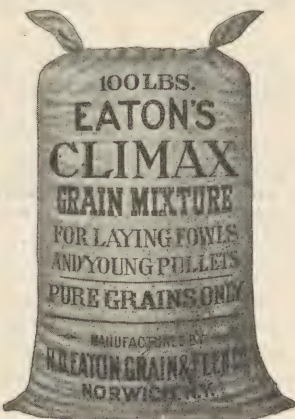
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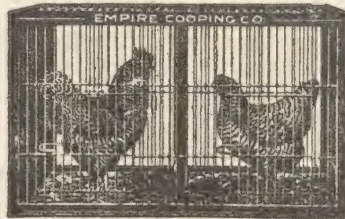
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Firsts..... 16½ @ 17
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Thirds, all sections..... 14 @ 14½
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No. 2..... 12 @ 13

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Turkeys, average lots..... @ 14
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Philadelphia, dry-picked, fancy @ 35

Dry-picked, average run..... 25 @ 30
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Dry-picked, average run..... 20 @ 24
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Dry-picked, average..... 22 @ 24
Scalded, fancy..... 23 @ 24
Scalded, average..... 20 @ 22

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No. 2..... 14 @ 16

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Dry-picked, 4 lbs and under to pair, No. 1..... 17 @ 18

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No. 2..... 13 @ 14

Roasting chickens, milk fed, dry-picked, fancy..... 16 @ 17

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Fowls, No. 1..... 12½ @ 13

No. 2..... 8 @ 10

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No. 2..... 11 @ 12

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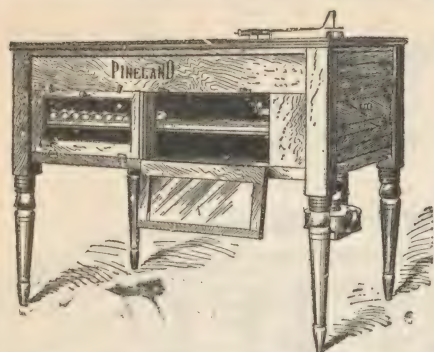
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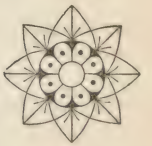
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Hatching and Rearing Goslings



By E. T. B., Feathered World, England.

Notwithstanding the fact that the prices nowadays for geese do not range quite as high as was formerly the case, this branch offers several inducements to farmers and others with land at their disposal. Considering the ease with which goslings can be reared, the low percentage of mortality, and the economical manner in which they can be fed, a large proportion of the ultimate price procured is net gain. A little while ago I was discussing this very question with a large goose farmer, and he declared that after many years experience with all classes of poultry, he was convinced that geese yielded the highest percentage of gain, and that he considered he had done badly if he was unable to make fourpence per bird profit. Only under favourable conditions, however, should the rearing of geese be attempted. It is a matter of exceedingly great difficulty to rear them successfully in confinement; not only do the birds develop slower, and are less hardy and strong, but grave risk is run of tainting the ground, making it unfit for other classes of poultry. Upon waste or common land they thrive well, and there are thousands of acres up and down the country, at the present time put to no use, that could well maintain large flocks of geese, both with benefit to the birds and to the land. The improvement that geese make in a pasture is very remarkable indeed; they encourage the finer and more succulent grasses, and discourage the coarse. Whilst poor land answers well for geese, a good meadow is much preferable; not that the birds themselves are any better or grow quicker, but so great a saving in the food can be effected. A fact that does not seem to be common, realized is that geese are really grazing birds, and if given access to a good meadow, where there is plenty of young succulent grass, they will be able to support themselves.

Young geese can generally be depended upon to commence laying during March or April, and as the eggs are laid they should be removed from the nest. If permitted to remain, when the goose has laid about twelve or fifteen she will want to sit upon them, whereas, if regularly removed, a good goose will lay twice or even three times the number. The early eggs should be placed under hens, allowing four to each. The artificial methods of hatching have not proved altogether a success for goose eggs, but as sitting hens are always plentiful when young geese are laying, there is no necessity to resort to the employment of an incubator. The eggs



A STUDY IN SILVER WYANDOTTES.

From Photographs of Mr. J. T. Van Alstyne's Birds.

in the nest should be sprinkled with warm water occasionally, and during the last week dipped about twice into water heated to 100 degrees. Perhaps a better plan than sprinkling the eggs is to water the earth around the outside of the nest every day, as the heat of the hen's body will attract the moisture to herself and so through the eggs. Unless the eggs receive a plentiful supply of moisture the inner and outer membranes become thick and tough, and the goslings have great difficulty in making their way out of the shell. The gander requires to be watched during the time his mate is sitting, as he is frequently savage, and may destroy the eggs. Moreover, some ganders prove dangerous to a stranger approaching too near, and I once knew a case in which a man had his leg broken by an infuriated gander. The period of incubation extends over a period of twenty-nine to thirty days.

Goslings are the easiest of all poultry to rear, but at the same time they respond well to good treatment. When they are quite dry—that is, about the end of the first day—they may be taken away from the hen or the goose, and placed in a large, roomy coop, or in a warm, well-ventilated shed. Some breeders prefer to allow the goslings to remain with their mother for a longer period, but there is no advantage in this, unless the weather be

exceptionally severe. The coop should on no account have a wooden floor, as this is fatal to the goslings. The ground itself should form the floor, and if the situation of the coop or small house it at all damp the interior may be filled in with dry earth or gravel to a depth of three or four inches, and this, well beaten down, forms one of the best floors it is possible to have. Straw, dried leaves, or dried bracken make the most suitable kind of litter. It is unwise during the first fortnight to allow the goslings much liberty, as they are very apt to wander away from home, and, getting tired, are unable to find their way back, with the result that they often die from exposure. After the first fortnight they may be allowed as much liberty as possible, as after this time the more exercise they procure the better and stronger will they grow.

The exact system of feeding followed varies greatly in different parts of the country, but the main point of importance is not so much the actual food supplied, but rather that it shall contain a goodly percentage of albuminoids, as these are necessary in order to build up a strong frame upon which the flesh may afterwards be laid. Unless the birds are fed during the first few months upon nutritious foods, they will not attain as large a size, and consequently they will not prove

as profitable. I think it pays to feed during the first day or two on hard-boiled eggs, chopped up, mixed with biscuit meal or ground oats, and moistened with a little skim milk or warm water. Many breeders never think it is worth while to employ hard-boiled eggs for goslings, but as they are exceedingly cheap during the spring months the cost is comparatively small. The skim requires to be fresh, as if it is at all sour it has an injurious effect upon the goslings. It is a good plan, if the supply is plentiful, to provide them with it for drinking, rather than water. After a couple of days the eggs may be discontinued, and the birds fed solely upon cooked foods, mixed into the consistency termed crumbly moist. It seems to be a very common idea that geese thrive better upon sloppy foods, but this has not been my experience. I have always found that the birds thrive better and develop quicker upon fairly dry than upon wet foods, as they are able, for one thing, to take more into their crops at once. A variety of foods may be supplied to the birds after the first few days, when the eggs have been discontinued, but it is of the utmost importance to remember that cheap foods must, as far as possible, be employed, as geese are huge eaters, and will quickly consume all the profit if expensive foods are used. For this reason ground oats, though an excellent food, must be used sparingly, as its price prohibits its too liberal use. Barley meal and middlings are the chief meals employed, and, considering their feeding value and price, are excellent for the purpose. Wheat, too, is excellent, but it should be scalded, as raw it is too indigestible. It is a good plan to scald the wheat and dry off with barley meal or middlings, as this forms a good preparation, one which the birds eat readily, and upon which they thrive well. When the birds are eight or ten weeks old they may be given whole grain, and wheat is especially useful for this purpose. Ground bones may be given in small quantities, as these assist in building up a strong frame upon which the flesh can afterwards be laid. Onions, too, are useful for rearing goslings, and if mixed in small quantities with the food the goslings will derive great benefit, and will, moreover, eat their food with greater relish.

After harvest the goslings should be given access to the stubbles, where they are able to pick up a large amount of natural food—the best kind of food they can have. Small sheds should be provided for them into which they can go at night, or a shel-

ter made from basket hurdles answers equally as well. Geese are so hardy that they require but little protection. In some parts of Norfolk it is customary to hurdle growing geese off on to a field of roots, in the same manner as sheep. As soon as one plot is exhausted the pen is removed further on. I was recently assured by a large East Anglian farmer that the geese ate the roots off as well as did the sheep, and what to him was more important, they manured the land just as well. The manure from geese is exceedingly valuable, being one of the most concentrated fertilizers we possess. In other districts it is the custom to send the geese out each morning in the charge of a lad, who attends to them all day long, seeing they neither stray nor do any damage to other crops, and returning with them at night. Being grazing birds, they are able to well support themselves. Should the herbage be poor, or the weather severe, they should receive a small meal before starting out in the morning.

SQUAB NOTES.

The water supply should always be pure and fresh.

Birds kept continually confined need careful watching.

Birds feeding their young should be fed twice a day.

Keep a box of small-sized gravel or prepared grit in the loft.

Bread is an excellent, economical and favorite food with pigeons.

Fine air-slacked lime scattered around the loft is good to kill the lice.

Never try to make one hen hatch more than two young, as it will inevitably result in loss.

Pigeons should be kept in a good, tight house, as warm as can be made without using artificial heat.

Pigeons living under natural conditions and with unrestrained liberty are rarely, if at all, subject to disease.

May and June are good months in which to save young squabs for breeders.

Fight the lice, as thousands of young birds are killed every summer by not keeping the lice under control in houses and lofts.

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Feed only as much as the birds will eat.

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Geese are long lived and retain their laying and hatching qualities through life.

When ducks are confined see that they are supplied with plenty of green and soft food.

Be careful that the drinking water is tepid, not cold, or they are liable to have cramps.

Feed mainly meat, vegetables and grasses, with a small ration of grain, in the middle of the day.

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Notes on Fertility

BY MRS. DENTON COLE.

I see by The American Fancier of May 5th that the editor desires reports on fertility, hatching, etc. As I usually have good success, I may be able to help some less fortunate breeders. So many things contribute to success, it is impossible to give "full particulars" outside of a lengthy article.

We all notice that during some seasons fertility runs much higher than others. Why this is, we can not say. Some atmospheric influence must certainly control to a more or less extent. Early this season all of my neighbors who set hens reported good hatches. Few near us use incubators nor understand testing. The mild winter caused many farmers' hens to lay unusually well, and set early. Our own hens did not lay so well as the two previous winters, which were the coldest in many years.

The first eggs I set were laid as I wrote in my article on brooders, in February, during and just following the most severe storm of the season. Of one hundred and thirteen set only fourteen were infertile. The others, with very few exceptions, were strong germs. As I said before, I lose many in machine—"dead in shell." I do not blame the machine for this as it is necessarily run in a constantly used room in the house, with much vibration and change of temperature, but as my hens produce good results, I know it is not the fault of the eggs.

The next test in March was seventeen infertile out of one hundred and ten eggs; of these eleven were from hen I got last fall. She is coming four years old, I believe. Nearly all her early eggs hatched, but only one was fertile in this lot. Later I changed her to another pen and to-day her one egg in incubator at the third day shows a strong germ.

The next test, late in April and early in May, five infertile eggs out of one hundred and twenty-five. Same time under one hen, eleven from thirteen, no good, ten being from one hen, a fine five year old. One of hers in machine same time showed good germ, but died later. Early her eggs were O. K.—too fat now, and possibly change of male—same time, fifteen under one hen all fertile—thirteen hatched.

Last test of one hundred and nine, only four infertile. These are under hens from four pens.

Now, from several years' experience and "experiments" I think I have learned a few things concerning fertile eggs. Sometimes with very best of care, disappointments will come, but seldom, for the fertile or infertile eggs are the effect, and the previous handling of stock is the cause. But, remember, it dates from the chick. The same as the future health and welfare of the man has influence in the child. "Luck" here, as elsewhere, means proper care of our breeders, not one season but always, from shell up.

Never, of course, expect high fertility nor strong chicks, from stock that

is out of condition, nor that has been very sick.

Allow that it is not necessary to "compel," as many write, the breeders to exercise daily the year around. During winter, in the open front house and in the summer on a grassy run, with access to shade.

It is absolutely necessary the breeders, old or young, i. e., before they are breeders—have plenty of pure air all winter. If it is cold, they will not complain while working and "singing" among the litter, but it must be entirely free from damp and if they are allowed to live in the "curtain front" house it will not be damp. Yes; I mean sleep in it, too. (If desired I will give my plan later). And the eggs laid in this open-pure-air-house will be fertile, other conditions being right.

A variety of feed is very necessary for best results. The different elements must be furnished to produce the perfect egg and to nourish the embryo life. All kinds of grains are the principal winter feed with plenty of protein kind as principal diet, with fed of corn or buckwheat—I am ignorant of barley results—as heat producer at night. Green food is very valuable, as it aids digestion and furnishes bulk, and I am positive meat food makes the eggs and chicks larger and stronger. "Variety is the spice of life"—hen life not excepted. The greater the variety the better the supply and better the quality. By fertility we mean "that which will produce—under proper conditions—a live chick," or fertility is of no use.

Water, pure and wholesome, must be constantly supplied, and right here is room for a whole article.

Grit is another essential, also oyster shells or bone—dry bone to furnish lime for shells.

Dry bran, while not essential, is greatly relished and is a help.

And do for humanity's sake, if not your own, keep the lice down! A hen cannot do her best when tortured with these pests, and how she can lay fertile eggs at all when infested with them I cannot see. (More anon, on this topic).

Young hens may be quite fat and still lay strongly fertile eggs, but surplus fat on or in an old hen is death to posterity.

It is possible to raise chicks from quite old hens. I have a six-year old here, a great winner in the large Eastern shows "in her day," a cripple, too, now, and all her eggs laid this Spring but one is fertile, but they are awfully small. I also raised a nice lot of chicks from a six-year old, several years ago.

It is very seldom males get too fat in the breeding pens. I usually find it necessary to feed mine additionally to keep them in breeding condition.

Among the Asiatic and American breeds the young males must be limited to not over ten mates, if we wish future usefulness from them. A Silver Wyandotte cockerel, on free

range, fertilized over ninety per cent. of eggs from thirty-two hens, through entire season. Next year, although seemingly as vigorous, he failed to average twenty-five per cent. fertile from twelve mates. I afterward learned cause.

Both sexes should show full sexual, as well as muscular development, if we wish strong, well developed chicks. It is true a cockerel showing only scant head appendages, and with sickles and saddle feathers only partially grown, will sometimes fertilize the eggs, but we all prefer the male with symmetrical body, long flowing furnishings, and arched neck, and who has vigor stamped on his person and in his carriage.

"The male is half the pen," so choose him with care. See that he has a bright, flashing eye, an alert and active hearing.

A cowardly male is seldom the best of breeders.

I never want an overgrown, clumsy bird at the head of a pen. While one too small shows lack of physical stamina.

Choose the active, hustling hen, that is always busy in the litter, or afield, for the good layer of strongly fertile eggs.

The theory that the winter layer "has exhausted her reproductive organs" is a fallacy, as I have proved many times. I have a yearling hen, that as a pullet was a heavy layer of very fertile eggs. Early in December she began on her second year's work, and she laid until in February, averaging five eggs weekly, when she began to cluck. I changed her place of residence, and in five days she began again and did not rest at all until April twenty-sixth, when she became broody, and thinking she had earned a rest I set her. I think I have set over sixty of her eggs, and only three infertile, and some of these laid in February. Males sometimes have favorites (so do females) and a change of mates sometimes bring favorable results.

It sometimes happens, that even where apparently congenial in the mating, a hen will prove sterile with one male and highly fertile with another.

To sum up, the three main essentials, in general are, Vigor, Exercise, and Variety in feed.

Short Chicken Talk.

Oats fed now is excellent as a change from the corn and wheat of the winter months.

During the moulting period a small amount of tincture of iron should be used as a tonic.

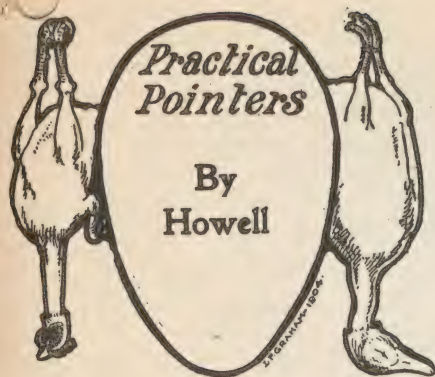
To dry picked fowls it is necessary that the feathers be taken out while the fowl is still warm.

Occasionally put in the drinking water a few drops of carbolic acid as a safeguard against disease.

A pound of linseed meal fed to fifty hens twice a week will promote in egg production and health, but if given more frequently is apt to cause bowel disease.

The observing farmer is the one who makes rapid strides in progress. To him mistakes are object lessons. Failures do not discourage, but often open the way for investigation that leads directly to real success.

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These should be pleasant days for the poultry-keeping colony. Nature seems to be smiling on all creation and chickens have never done better since the cackle of the hen was first chronicled.

There are people however, who are kicking. Here is a new poultry paper finding fault with its brother editors for warning negligent and careless poultrymen against lice, filthy drinking fountains, and other routine matters always seasonable. The new man says the reader becomes tired of these cut and dried matters.

Let us see, here is a fancier of Game Bantams. Last spring he imported some birds, but raised no stock. This spring, or rather lately, he had several nice broods come off and apparently doing well. Upon going out to close them in a few evenings since, a nice young cockerel lay dead in front of the brood coop. Two days later upon passing I stopped to look them over and the second day one lay dead. I picked it up, a nice pullet, and on the back of the head was a large grey louse. Upon my return we greased every chick on the place.

How happy would this fancier have been had he seen some such admonition in his favorite poultry paper that morning, and handled his birds in time to have saved that pullet's life. It would have been worth a year's subscription to him twice over.

Shippers of eggs in returnable crates are having trouble with the Express Companies to get back their "empties." A year ago these so-called common carriers (but will be found to be uncommon carriers) got together and decided to charge a return rate of five cents each crate, but later jumped the rate on single crate shipments and continued to return free.

Just now the press of berry crates give them an excuse to revive the return rate, but they still hold on to the exorbitant single crate shipment rate.

There is another motive behind all this inconvenience to the small shipper. The storage people and big dealers cannot reckon with direct shipments, and should the crate fail to come back few would care to buy high-priced crates to ship one time in and more eggs would flow through the commercial channel.

There is but one thing to do and that is to put out the returnable crate and ship in gift crates. There must be some firm or firms building these crates, willing to cater to the small shipper and once located it will be an easy matter to get them in the hands of the poultry supply houses and the poultrymen in general.

Am having a little trouble myself. I placed two out-door brooders in the back of the orchard and filed them with White Leghorn chicks. The crows seem to be extra fond of White Leghorns, and it makes me mad to see a chicken and a crow disappearing at

the same time. Have allowed the crows to feed along the water at will and this is my reward; from now out it will be a shotgun for every crow that comes anywhere near the buildings.

A strange thing has happened in connection with this flock of chicks. The last brood of White chicks is a month old. Upon going to feed them I find one of those incubator hatched chicks in the flock and answering the old hen's call as readily as any of her own. This chick strayed away from the brooder and was obliged to pass through the garden, across the lawn, and through several broods of parti-colored chicks to reach its destination.

Geo E Howell

DRINKING WATER FOR FOWLS.

(Poultry, England.)

"Water that is fresh and pure
Gives to life what will ensure
Health, growth, productiveness!"

The importance of a plentiful supply of pure water for live stock cannot be over-estimated. To quench thirst is not the ultimate end or only purpose of water. The desire that is created for drink is occasioned by a feeling termed thirst, similar to a desire for food through hunger. These are only the demands of the inner being, the act of satisfying such only a physical exertion, while the article drank enters into the composition of the blood, bone, and flesh, maintains a greater percentage than other component parts, and is one of the essentials of life.

In a pure state, water (as it is indispensable) sustains existence, while, if impure, it, like a poison, affects the entire system, occasioning many diseases that are attributed to other causes through the attachment of so little importance to the vital necessity of using the pure aqueous fluid.

Pure water may be considered just as essential to life and growth as is pure air. And upon the advantages of a free circulation of air medical authorities have written volumes, attributing so much to it as to believe its condition is sufficient to make a person sick, cause death, alter body and mind; with water the influence must be decidedly greater.

The tendency of water to absorb noxious effluvia is one great reason why it becomes unfit for drinking purposes after standing close to such impurities. And there is no greater source of unhealthfulness than when there is allowed to accumulate decayed vegetable matter or animal excrement, particularly with that of the feathered creation.

All gaseous contagious matters are substances in a state of decomposition, and water in the presence of such gases, being an absorbent, soon becomes turbid, or, so to speak, putrefies by the process of decomposition, which is completed in the water. It so remains unchanged, unless subject to the filtering process it undergoes in the earth, when vegetation, having a strong affinity for such gases, extracts them from the water, and it again becomes pure and fit for drinking purposes.

Furthermore, the vitality and productive qualities of live stock are increased or diminished through the effects (resulting from the nature) of

the article which becomes the means of their productiveness. In an egg, for example, the white contains 53, the yolk 79 per cent of water, and it reasonably follows that the quality of the egg is dependent upon the nature of its largest constituent parts.

Small bodies of water when left exposed to the sun's rays lose their freshness and satisfying qualities, and with fowls there is either too much drunk, causing intestinal diseases, or too little to enable a sufficient moistening of their food to ensure a proper digestion. Either of these retards the functions of the organs, and interferes with the health and profit of the stock.

Vessels used in watering stock should receive a proper cleansing before being used a second time; if not, any impurities that may remain in the previous surplus supply, or that may adhere to the sides of the vessel, will taint the fresh water and in time cause a smell that will be objectionable.

Rain water should not be permitted to accumulate so as to be accessible for drinking purposes for stock. It contains the impurities of the atmosphere, which, being very acceptable and beneficial to plant life, are just the contrary to animal existence.

It is the belief of the writer that many of the diseases incident to poultry are due to neglect in providing them with pure water. Particularly does he believe such to be the case in the majority of instances where chicken cholera prevails. One authority has attempted to account for the contagious nature of this and other fatal distempers, by saying that unhealthy fowls will impart to the water from which they drink their particular disorders, and that other fowls that may drink afterwards become similarly affected. This, however, is not accountable for the first cause or origin of such fatalities, and hardly seems possible; but the infection of such diseases could reasonably be imputed to the vitiated state of the water consumed.

The omission to furnish fowls with suitable drinking water is one of the worst features of cruelty to animals. It is a neglect that is decidedly adverse to success, hence it tends to diminish individual fancy for fowls, and works detriment to the poultry interest. Those who are occasionally heard to say that, "There is no profit in poultry," are not qualified to have the management of the same, and in their attentions may be classed with the thriftless and neglectful persons who keep fowls that get drink when it rains.

Let every owner of live stock, among other attentions, see that such are supplied with a sufficient amount of pure water, and they will not have occasion to regret that the said stock are not as profitable and thrifty as they might be.

A neighbor would find a large hen dead nearly every day and could not account for it, but happening near the shed where the fowls dusted themselves, the slayer was found to be a forty-pound gobbler, who had been amusing himself while the turkey hens were nesting. Better shut his majesty up until the poults are large enough to roam the fields.

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Geese and Motorists.

(St. James Gazette.)

A flock of geese is perhaps the most amusing sort of encounter to the motorist—not the old stagers, of course, who have been gobbling by the roadside for months, and who pay no more attention to the passing motor than the cattle in a distant field; but a flock newly arrived, or on a road rarely traversed by motor-cars. The old gander is easily picked out, his out-stretched neck swaying with indignation at the intruder. An instant of waddling uncertainty, followed by an inglorious retreat, and presently the entire flock is scurrying forward in his wake, as though determined to reach the end of the road, miles and miles way, before the car can overtake them. Gradually the pace quickens, as outspread wings come to the assistance of webbed feet. When the flock is of any size it will quickly spread out wedge-shape across the entire roadway, leaving the pursuing motorist no option but to slow down to an accommodating pace, lest he run into the rearguard of the flock. Sometimes this ludicrous pursuit will continue for half a mile, until the gander, utterly fagged out, will make a detour for the hedge, and the race is over.

Eggs Within Eggs.

(Poultry and Pigeons.)

We are continually having reports about birds laying very abnormal eggs, but we think the following which appeared in Tuesday's "Daily Mail," fairly knocks the previous records out of time. The eggs was laid by a goose at Westwood, Kent, and was of exceedingly large proportions. It broke when dropped by the goose, and out of it ran the usual yolk and white. Inside the shell was another perfectly formed egg, which, when broken, was found to contain a third egg, without shell, and another with hard shell. This latter egg contained an unformed egg, so that in the original shell were two eggs with shells and two without. The complete egg weighed one pound, six ounces, and measured six inches in length and ten inches in circumference; the inner shell five inches by nine inches, and the inmost shell three inches by seven and one-half inches.

Seven Months Without Water.

(Poultry and Pigeons.)

Last month, while some workmen, in the employ of Mr. James Colcombe, of the Grove Farm, Sellack, Ross, were thrashing a mow of barley in a barn near the farmhouse they came on a black pullet about half way down the mow. It was alive, but in a very emaciated condition, and did not weigh more than a few ounces. It had cleared a small space around it, and had eaten some of the barley and straw. The remarkable part of the affair is that the bird had been in the mow since the middle of August last, and had existed there without water and only a limited supply of food. It was carefully treated on being found, and is now doing well and recovering its lost weight.

Keep the house as clean as possible at all seasons, but especially in hot weather, as the more manure there is in a house the faster the lice seem to breed.

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The following letter received from Dr. S. J. Fairbank, Utica, N. Y., is a timely one, and in corroborating what Mr. Mudge said regarding Exhibition Games, also endorses our position regarding the classification and cooping of birds at large shows:

"Some very pithy articles have appeared in the American Fancier, of late, anent the disposition on the part of our show managements to give to certain classes undue prominence; while others equally as deserving, have been 'tucked away.'"

"I agree with Mr. Mudge, in a recent issue, that especially noticeable in this respect have been the Standard Games. It has been truthfully said: 'If once a Game man, always a Game man,' but, as such, we have become indifferent of late and it is high time we helped these birds to boost themselves back into the prominence due them. I think it is generally conceded that the Standard Game is the 'aristocrat of the show room'; the noblest chicken of them all. Certain it is that for eggs and table qualities they are in the front ranks."

"I believe that to create a grand prize to be competed for at Madison Square Garden, in January, 1907, will be a move in the right direction and will materially increase the entries in these classes; but I do not think that in this case it should cover only cock, hen, cockerel and pullet, for this reason, there is no other breed of fowls being bred to-day for the show room in such small flocks, on so limited a range, and to such a high state of perfection as these same birds. What a number of fanciers are breeding successfully on a city or village lot, and producing from one to three dozen chicks in a season."

"I am thoroughly convinced that just as soon as our managements can be assured of returning enthusiasm among Game breeders, which means a full entry at the show, that they will be only too glad to 'trot out' our pets into the prominence they so richly deserve. Let's do our part."

As an admirer of Games and Game Bantams and as a member of the

American Exhibition Game and Game Bantam Club, we believe it is high time to start the good work of securing tempting cash specials and arranging for suitable staging of the large Games at the club show to be held at the Madison Square Garden in January. Games to be shown to best advantage should be staged lower than birds of other varieties. We are certain that Secretary Crawford will grant each and every demand in this direction made by the club. Mr. Finck, secretary of the latter, is busy arranging for a choice list of specials, and when members are asked to respond to his call for cash subscriptions, we trust the latter will be generous as well as numerous.

This reminds us of the fact that the Memorial Cup to be given as an appreciation of the good work done for big Games by the late and lamented John Glasgow has failed to show up. Subscriptions were started two years ago and a committee appointed to carry out the project. The friends of "Old Jack," and they were legion, would like to have his memory honored and there seems to be no more fitting way or a more opportune time than now. This cup offered on Exhibition Games should draw a big entry and help the "aristocrats" of the feathered race in a most substantial manner. Secretary Finck, start that Glasgow Cup Special good and early.

The Hon. M. F. Wemple, manager of the Empire Cooping Company, writes: "We are very busy these days and have booked a lot of new shows for caging this coming winter. We are now working on a good-sized job that goes to Sedalia, Mo., for the Missouri State Fair." The Empire coops are making big headway in the West and the days of the promiscuous and irregular cooping at first-class County and State Fairs are numbered. The Empire Cooping Company has done

fine missionary work in equipping agricultural fairs with suitable and up-to-date cages, and the success this sterling firm has achieved is well deserved.

Mr. L. P. Clarke, superintendent of Rosemary Farm, Huntington, L. I., is still in quest of a White Aseel male bird. All efforts to secure one in this country have failed. He informs us that Mr. Atkinson, of England, recently returned from India with a fine lot of Aseels and several other varieties of Oriental Games, but there was not a white bird in the lot. The best of the White Indians need a little toning up, especially in producing good males, is Mr. Clarke's opinion. That is why he is after the Aseel blood to work in. From what we have seen at the shows last season, quite a few of the Cornish Indians need toning up, and a little Aseel stoutness of thighs, shortness of leg and volume of breast would help the elongated Cornish males immensely.

At the annual meeting of the Fanciers' Poultry Association of New Jersey, held at Newark, N. J., Monday, June 4, 1906, the following directors were elected: A. L. Sparks, E. T. Duffy, T. Farrer Rackham, A. Reinhardt, J. P. Ingram, Fred Huyler, J. F. Noll, J. I. Craig, J. N. Sinnock, W. H. Bates and Miles Hauchett. These eleven gentlemen received the highest number of votes cast and were declared elected. The directors will hold a meeting shortly and arrange for the holding of the next Newark Show. The fact that Bamberger's Auditorium will not be available necessitates the selection of another hall. But the Newark fanciers' contingent is equal to the task and a greater show than ever may be expected.

The dreaded gape-worm has been conspicuous by its absence this season, to judge by the letters received. The absence of damp and rainy weather has had much to do with this welcome absence of the most unwelcome parasite in chicken culture. The festive gape worm revels in a foul, damp atmosphere, and is seldom in evidence where dry sanitary conditions exist. It is true we hear of chicken raisers who speak of "gaps" whenever a chicken opens its jaws and breathes a trifle suspiciously, but on close examination no trace of the gape-worm is found. Where doubt exists, hold the chicken's throat exposed to the sunlight and open the mouth and look down the wind-pipe. If a small, thin reddish looking string of about one inch in length is attached to the membrane, "his gapeship" is busy and must be removed. A twisted horsehair or silver wire will extract the appendage. A small primary feather stripped to the quill, except a small end of about a quarter of an inch wide and half an inch long dipped in coal oil will answer the same purpose. Some use turpentine, but it needs very careful handling when applied internally. A local application of turpentine to the outside of the throat is often effective in destroying the gape-worm in the early stages. Placing the afflicted chickens in a barrel or box and dusting with air-slaked lime is another remedy that is fairly successful. Plowing the foul ground in the fall and dressing with fresh lime is the best preventative of gapes.

"Schools for poultry judges are springing up," remarks our learned friend and editor, Mr. John H. Robinson, of Farm-Poultry, and he further says: "The 'school' idea is being applied to everything. We almost feel tempted to start a school for poultry editors, though we would enjoy more attending sessions of such a school conducted by some other member of the fraternity." Right you are, Mr. Robinson. If that learned lecturer and erstwhile schoolmaster, Mr. Thomas Endeavor Orr, now secretary of the A. P. A., were only an editor, what a fine teacher he would make for an editorial college! And with the editor of Farm-Poultry to stand by and correct him! It would be a literary treat and an exposition of wisdom accompanied by a train-load of words, that would make fat copy for the summer issues of the poultry papers. We should feel tempted to attend such a college, for we love a good discussion and a red-hot argument, and where can you find a better pair to start such than the two gentlemen mentioned above. With Mr. D. Lincoln Orr as president of such a college there can be no doubt as to its entertaining and educational value.

Mr. C. C. DePuy, publisher and editor of the American Poultry Advocate, called at The American Fancier office one fine morning this week, and entertained the editors pleasantly for a brief period. Editor DePuy reports the outlook for fall trade very good and believed the poultry business is growing bigger and more important every minute. His monthly publication has done much to help the poultry business in the East and the success it has achieved is due to the patience and ability of its clever publisher and editor. Started in a small way, it is now one of the magazines enjoying one of the largest followings in the United States.

The La Fleche fowl is considerably older than some of the wise editor's who never heard of it or ever saw a live specimen of the breed. In France the La Fleche is esteemed at its full value and stands in the front rank as a profitable fowl. But French poultrymen do not raise their chickens in print. They are too practical and have too little time to write about imaginary things and subjects that seem to attract the theoretical scribes that never get very far from the speckled hens their mammas raised in the good old summer time of several or more decades ago.

The Java is another fine fowl that Americans were once proud of. It is tolerated to-day and seen occasionally at our shows. Both the black and mottled varieties are of exceptional value as utility fowls, and handsome when well bred. They breed true, and have an intrinsic value not possessed by some other more favored varieties.

Wanted:—Some good classes of White Face Black Spanish, at the New York Show, in January, 1907. There are some exceptionally fine birds of this grand variety in New England and in Canada, and we should like to see a good big entry at America's premier show. Our old friend in Canada, Mr. Warrington, has a few choice Spanish that would be a treat to real fanciers to look at. Perhaps some practical poultry editor and scribe who

his eye on a good one, will exclaim: "What good are the Spanish?" They were better as layers of fine, large white eggs in the early seventies than any other variety of fowl known then, and attracted considerable attention from lovers of fine poultry. When hens can be had that lay eggs weighing seven to the pound and bringing extra prices in the market, it seems strange that hens of other varieties that enjoy the printer's ink booming, lay inferior eggs that weigh often nine to the pound and sport several shades of color, should occupy the limelight of the poultry stage.

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The cry that Spanish, Polish, Hamburgs, and the French varieties are tender is one of the chief drawbacks better appreciation of some of the finer races of fowl. If it were really true that the above varieties were tender, there might be some reason for their lacking in public estimation. But they are no more tender than other varieties, if properly bred or handled. It's the breeders that make them tender. They coddle and pamper the birds and put them in a glass cage, instead of allowing them the natural environments they require. We have seen flocks of Spanish years ago, bred in cold climates, that had no more care than the common farm fowl, except that they were housed at night in a decent shed or house, and a healthier bunch of feathered bipeds could not be found anywhere. We knew an old-time fancier who raised and kept several hundred Spanish on Long Island, N. Y., some thirty years ago, and they ran all over his farm, winter and summer, and such ailments as roup were unknown to him. They were healthy and laid the year around. In our experience with Hamburgs, years ago, we found the open-air culture a decided success and never had a healthier lot of birds on the farm than the Golden Spangled Hamburgs that kissed the morning dew in summer and roosted in the limbs of trees until late in the fall. Like Topsy they "jest grewed up." While liberally supplied with grain food, the fresh air, pasture and exercise did the finishing touches.

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Domesticated poultry is too often killed by misguided and misdirected zeal in trying to keep it away from nature's sanitarium—the fresh air—that invigorates and produces a desire to hustle around and do something for a living. If chickens are started right and kept in close touch with mother and allowed to breathe pure air there will be no trouble as to lack of vitality or hardness. Every observant poultry raiser will admit that fowls can stand cold better than extreme heat. Go into a show-room that is badly ventilated and is too warm for the comfort of a man who has the red blood flowing the right way, and you will notice the discomfort of the birds at once. Many a good Leghorn comb has been ruined in a warm show-room. Heat is the cause of comb falling over, and incidentally, starting birds cooped in such quarters, on a road to the hospital. These are cold-blooded facts served up and noticed in a hot show-room.



There is a lull in the hen-setting. Incubators are taking an airing and a rest. The little chirpers are basking in the sun. The brooders must be kept clean and well aired, and allow plenty of fresh air at night. Let the air come from the nursery part of the brooder.

The breeders need a good rest amid cosy and comfortable surroundings. This will include shade and fresh water, and runs with a good supply of herbage. If it can be managed, it is a good plan to have two runs for each flock, so to make a change while one run is getting a new start of greens. The hens greatly enjoy this plan, and it is advantageous in many ways.

Don't add young chicks, or for that matter, old fowls to your flocks from various sources, without you know they are free from disease and vermin. It is always well to be on the alert, looking for symptoms, and to be prepared to check troubles early.

Grass runs may be comparatively worthless for the purpose of chickens, if the grass is long (high) and of a coarse character. The most serviceable grass runs are those that are kept short. It is the new fresh shoots that are of value for poultry. White clover and alfalfa that have become well established make the very best pastures for poultry, old or young.

Don't forget to dig up spaces in the runs every few days, to give the fowls new fresh dusting places. They will serve two purposes—help to keep down vermin, and prevent soil contamination.

When young chicks have bad bowels, which is not caused by their being kept too warm, change their diet at once. Study to find out what food is causing the trouble. Sometimes lack of variety will cause bowel trouble. A varied diet aids digestion and furnishes the various requirements the growing chicks need.

The food for young chicks should be of elements that serve for the growth of bone, meat and feathers. Fattening elements are not required until near the time when the chick is to be forced for table use. The proper feeding of poultry for specific purposes is in a sense a science—at least as much so as balanced dairy, or beef rations serve their respective purposes.

Closely yarded fowls should be kept busy in some way. It is an imperative necessity if the runs are bare ground. An idle flock, that simply huddle or stand around waiting for the next feed time will never be much of an egg laying one. They are also very apt to develop feather plucking and other evil habits. Spade up and bury grains, provide litter to scatter grain in, hang up cabbage, make them exercise some way.

Make the first food for young turkeys by boiling an egg an hour. Cut it up fine, shell and all, then mix through it an even tablespoonful of clean (washed) sand. Feed it on a clean board. Feed this only, first day. Second day, give some stale bread soaked in sweet milk, squeezing surplus milk out. Sand the feed board, then scatter the feed. Good dry curd can also be given, and give it a slight

dash with black pepper. Turkeys want a variety of food, sweet, clean, and nothing sloppy.

A woman who has been "experimenting," says that cockerels mated with old hens results in a majority of pullets, and that a cock bird mated with hens results in a majority of cockerels. She has also re-discovered the old Pyle theory that the air bubble on the side produces pullets, etc. How invariably and repeatedly history repeats itself. The other woman who declared that if she wanted to hatch pullets she always carried the eggs to the nest in her sun-bonnet, and if she wanted cockerels, carried them in a man's hat, is still as near correct as any of them.

Don't forget the discomforts that come with hot weather. Counteract all of them you can in the poultry yard. Take away the males as soon as the breeding season is over and let the hens have a yard by themselves.

Break up the broody hens in a humane way. If you can give them a shady run do so. The fact of their being broody is a sure sign that they have been money bringers for you. They deserve kind treatment—just as good as you would give an early setter when they are exceedingly difficult to obtain.

Don't let your enthusiasm go down when the mercury in the thermometer runs us. It is then when eternal vigilance is the price of success in the poultry business.

USEFUL FORAGE CROPS.

The following is a summary of Bulletin No. 199, on "Cow Peas, Soy Beans and Winter Vetch," by J. D. Towar, of the Michigan Agricultural Experiment Station:

1. Cow peas, soy beans and winter vetch are successful new legumes for Michigan and give promise of valuable usefulness as feeds and green manure.
2. Cow peas are tender, succulent, vine-like plants that must be grown between the periods of frosts.
3. In general cow peas will grow best when sown in rows, using one-half bushel to three pecks of seed per acre.
4. Soy beans are a little more hardy than cow peas, growing with stiff, erect stalks, but treated like cow peas.
5. Winter vetch may be sown either in the spring or fall. Its behavior is much like field peas.
6. Cow peas may be used for fall pasture for hogs and other stock.
7. Soy beans ripen their seed and shed their leaves as soon as frosts come. The seeds, being very rich in protein and fat, give promise of becoming a substitute for linseed and cottonseed meal.
8. Winter vetch, seeded in the spring, makes excellent fall pasture, which remains green through the winter.
9. Winter vetch as a substitute for clover has been grown best by seeding in the fall, using half a bushel of wheat and half a bushel of vetch, cutting the whole in the middle of June for hay.
10. Cow peas and winter vetch make excellent green manure and as such give best returns if plowed under when near the mature state. Either sown in the summer in the orchard will make a good cover crop for winter.

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DATES CLAIMED.

Aug. 21-24—Cortlandt, N. Y. Cortlandt County Agricultural Society, W. J. Greenman, Secretary.
 August 21-24, Rockville, Md., G. O. Brown, A. E. Warner, Judges; Calvin Hicks, Superintendent.
 Sept. 3-6, Taunton, Mass., E. P. Washburne, Pigeon Judge and President.
 Sept. 3-7, Columbus, Ohio, T. E. Orr, Judge; W. W. Miller, Secretary.
 Sept. 3-8, Orangeburg, N. Y., J. F. Gilchrist, Secretary.
 Sept. 11-13, Mercer, Pa. Mercer County Fair and Poultry Show. T. E. Orr, Judge; John P. Orr, Secretary.
 Sept. 12, Altomont, Ill., Dr. A. W. Baker, Superintendent.
 Sept. 17-22, North Yakima, Wash. State Fair, G. A. Graham, Secretary; Harry H. Collier, Superintendent Poultry.
 Sept. 24-29, Spokane, Wash. Inter-State Fair, Robt. H. Cosgrove, Secretary.
 Sept. 25-28, Poughkeepsie, N. Y. Dutchess County Agricultural Society, T. C. Van Wyck, Superintendent Poultry.
 Sept. 25-29, Spokane, Wash., Robert Cosgrove, Secretary; H. H. Collier, Supt.
 Sept. 25-29, Trenton, N. J., Inter-State Fair, T. Farrer Rackham, Newark, N. J., Superintendent Poultry.
 Sept. 28-Oct. 5, Springfield, Ill., W. C. Garrad, Secretary.
 Sept. 29-Oct. 5, Sedalia, Mo., J. R. Rippey, Secretary.
 October 2-5, Chatham, N. Y. Columbia County Agricultural Society, W. A. Dardess, Secretary.
 Oct. 2-6, Puyallup, Wash., John Mills, Secretary; Harry H. Collier, Supt.
 Oct. 17-18, Girard, Ill., Heimlich, Judge; H. K. Young, Secretary.
 Nov. 12-15, Garnett, Kans., Rhodes, Judge; Hattie A. Weld, Secretary.
 Nov. 12-17—Houston, Tex., Hovey S. Fox, Jr., Secretary.
 Nov. 12-17, San Jose, Cal. Santa Clara Valley Poultry and Pet Stock Association, E. Van Every, Secretary, Edenvale, Cal.
 Nov. 15-17, Wellman, Ia., Shellabarger, Judge; E. J. Coffey, Secretary.
 Nov. 16-17, Manhattan, Kans., Chas. E. Smith, Secretary.
 Nov. 20-23, Winfield, Ia., Shellabarger, Judge; Russell Canly, Secretary.
 Nov. 21-23, West Haven, Conn. D. A. Nichols, D. J. Lambert, W. R. Graves, Judges; E. J. Crawford, Secretary.
 Nov. 21-23, New London, Ill., Russell, Judge; F. L. Clanson, Secretary.
 Nov. 21-24, Holton, Kans., Rhodes, Judge; T. A. Fairchild, Secretary.
 Nov. 22-24, Englewood, N. J., N. R. Pendergast, Secretary.
 Nov. 26-30, Cedar Rapids, Ia., Shellabarger, Judge; S. G. Smith, Secretary.
 Nov. 27-30, Carthage, Mo., Rhodes, Judge; C. A. Emry, Secretary.
 Nov. 27-Dec. 1, York, Pa. C. T. Cornman, William G. Minich, Judges; J. N. Lovett, Secretary.
 Nov. 28-30, Fairfield, Ill., Russell, Judge; J. R. McEldrey, Secretary.
 Nov. 29-Dec. 1, Vienna, Ill., Heimlich, Judge; Chas. M. Pichens, Secretary.
 Nov. 28-Dec. 2, Moline, Ill., Shellabarger, Judge.
 Dec. 3-5, Brookfield, Mo., Rhodes, Judge; J. S. Hill, Secretary.
 Dec. 3-6, Ravenwood, Mo., Russell, Judge; Robt. Larmer, Secretary.
 Dec. 3-7, Mason City, Ia., M. V. Bicker, Secretary.
 Dec. 3-7, Ellicottville, N. Y., Geo. W. Webb, Judge; William Green, Secretary.
 Dec. 3-8, Rolfe, Ia., Heimlich, Judge; Marion Bruce, Secretary.
 Dec. 3-9, San Francisco, Cal. California Poultry Association, J. C. Williams, Secretary, Fruitvale, Cal.
 Dec. 4, Youngstown, Ohio, T. E. Orr, Judge; W. H. Crossler, Secretary.
 Dec. 4-5, Jackson, Mich., F. W. Travis and S. Butterfield, Judges; C. W. Kroos, Secretary.
 Dec. 4-7, Holyoke, Mass., George Barrett, Jr., Secretary.
 Dec. 4-7, Philmont, N. Y. D. A. Nichols, Judge; G. J. Anderson, Secretary.
 Dec. 4-7, Humeston, Ia., Shellabarger, Judge; Geo. King, Secretary.
 Dec. 4-7, Mt. Sterling, Ill., Meyers, Judge; Eugene Hambaugh, Secretary.
 Dec. 4-8, Paterson, N. J., J. Frost, Secretary.
 Dec. 4-8—Youngstown, O., H. J. Crossler, Secretary.
 Dec. 4-8—Wilkes Barre, Pa., David T. Miller, Secretary.
 Dec. 4-8—Providence, R. I., Rhode Island Poultry Association, W. I. Brown, Secretary, 6 Exchange Place.
 Dec. 4-8, Anardarko, Oklahoma Territory, Flite, Judge; Plaff, Secretary.
 Dec. 5-8, Grand Rapids, Wis. Grand Rapids Poultry Association; E. G. Eggert, Secretary; Frank Heck, Judge.
 Dec. 5-8, Paterson, N. J. Paterson Poultry, Pigeon and Pet Stock Association; Charles Frost, Secretary.
 Dec. 5-8, Danbury, Conn. Western Connecticut Poultry Association, Charles H. Brundage, Secretary; Judges, J. H. Drevenstedt, T. F. McGraw, Hon. David Nichols and W. H. Card.
 Dec. 5-8, Ellensburg, Wash., Harry H. Collier, Judge; Mrs. S. F. Montgomery, Secretary.
 Dec. 5-10, Birmingham, Ala., McClave, Sites, Judges; Klwyn Ballard, Secretary.
 Dec. 6-8, Villisca, Ia., Russell, Judge; F. M. Childs, Secretary.
 Dec. 6-8, Fulton, Mo., Rhodes, Judge; D. W. Whanger, Secretary.
 Dec. 6-9—Danbury, Conn., C. H. Brundage, Secretary.

Handwritten signature: J. H. Drevenstedt

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The illustration on our title page is a very good likeness of Messrs. H. & J. G. Smith's Red Dragoon, "Colonel" a big winner on the other side, first and special at both New York and Boston shows. This bird is probably the best Red Dragoon in the country to-day.

Mr. Ulrich's appeal to fanciers for subscriptions to a memorial cup in memory of the late Mr. Henry C. Tiemann appears in another column. We hope fanciers will respond liberally, as Mr. Tiemann was a thorough fancier and well liked among the pigeon fraternity.

Are the specialty clubs dead, or only sleeping? Where are the officials? What are they doing? If the secretary is tired of his post, or cannot find time to devote to the business of the club, he should resign. Now is the time to be up and doing, arrange your classification, offer specials for members at more than one show, distribute your specials at different exhibitions, thus gaining members, and tending to revive interest in your variety. Keep your breed before the public.

In another column Mr. F. Gorse gives us some facts regarding the band question, that has caused so much trouble among pigeon fanciers. We quite agree with Mr. Gorse that the specialty clubs should place their order in advance and accompany same with the cash. This is no more than any business concern would demand, especially where a special order is given. As to the indebtedness of individual fanciers, it is entirely uncalled for, and Mr. Willets should insist on cash accompanying every order.

In the editorials of the Pigeon News appears an article regarding the secretary of the American Pigeon Club. We quite agree that some activity is necessary to the welfare of every club, but it should not be left entirely to the secretary. Mr. Duffy has given considerable time to his post. When one realizes the amount of work attached to such a position we cannot blame the secretary for sleeping now and then.

THE BAND QUESTION AIRED.

To Members of the American Pigeon Club:

I have investigated the conditions of affairs regarding the band question, and the following is the result: An appointment was made with Mr. T. Willets and he was requested to bring

such information as he had (letters) regarding the filling of orders, complaints, etc., also to inform me as to how many bands he had on hand. I met him and looked over his correspondence with the result that, in a large majority of cases he is blameless. In most of the cases where complaints have been made, a large number of bands have been ordered by secretaries of clubs, without any remittance, with a statement that when the members paid for them they would forward the cash to him. In one case the secretary of a club has only just paid for last year's bands, and wishes to order this year on the same plan. In one case a man ordered some six hundred bands and had not yet paid for last year's bands. In some cases bands have been shipped and broken open in transit, and bands lost out, and in others claims have been made that bands have not been received at all, while Mr. Willets claims to have shipped them.

In one case the filling of an individual order was delayed because of the large number ordered by a specialty club, which entirely cleared him out. In a large number of cases complaint was made because the particular numbers wanted could not be sent, most of them—in fact all—wanted the low numbers, and in rotation.

This covers the field of complaints, and I would suggest that the following be observed: In ordering bands in the future, that the full amount in a money order be sent for all bands ordered, together with eight cents additional to cover registration, and if the registration fee is not added, the risk of them becoming lost in the mails must be taken by the purchaser. That in any event, the cash must be sent to cover cost of bands, with the order, otherwise they will not be forwarded.

In the case of clubs which require large numbers, they must place their order far enough ahead to give the maker time to get them out, and as they would come under the head of a special order the cash must accompany the order. In the case of special numbers wanted, would advise all to order what they think they will need for the season, then numbers in rotation can be given, but not any particular set of numbers, as they can only be sent out in rotation.

Mr. Willets had a large supply of bands at the time—May 1st—and assured me that his greatest trouble was in getting the cash with the order from well known fanciers, men who

wanted credit. This he has given until he can do so no longer, as he has a large amount outstanding that may be good, but is no good to him until paid.

Here is the whole matter, and the members can see for themselves the condition of affairs. There is no use of a man howling because he cannot get bands, when he does not send the cash for them, or has not paid for some already used by him. Nor of secretaries wanting in short notice one thousand bands, because these matters take time.

FRANK W. CORSE.

Memorial to Late Mr. Henry Tiemann.

Editor American Fancier:

I desire again to call the attention of fanciers throughout the country that there is a memorial fund in progress in memory of the late Henry Tiemann, of Baltimore, Md., the well-known judge and fancier, who devoted his entire life to the success of the high-class pigeon.

With considerable reluctance and regret I inform you that there have been but seven subscriptions received, and if no considerable remittances are received by August 1st, I shall refund the respective amounts to the subscribers thereof.

This circumstance does not sound very well, I am sure, for I know Mr. Tiemann had hundreds of friends in the fancy, who evidently have forgotten him, though, through carelessness only. I hope, and trust, there will be a more liberal response. August 1st has been fixed for the closing of subscriptions, for if sufficient funds are received by that time the committee, composed of Dr. Charles H. A. Meyer, of Baltimore, Md.; Mr. Rudolph Sweisfurth, of Philadelphia, Pa., and myself, desire to have the trophy secured and arrangements made for its being competed for during the coming show season.

EDMOND B. ULRICH,

Reading, Pa.

Treasurer.

Green Food and Salt for Pigeons.

(Homing World.)

Now that breeding is here, fanciers should be very careful to arrange that every little accessory or toothsome delicacy is within reach of their pets. Abundance of round sand mixed with old mortar is very needful. Green food, too, must not be omitted; it is, in reality, indispensable to the well-being of parent birds and youngsters alike. Green vegetables, unfortunately, are not as yet too plentiful, but when obtainable, I find the most economical way of serving out this class of food is to suspend a cabbage about nine inches from the floor of the loft by the aid of a piece of string. This, among even a small number of birds, disappears with marvellous rapidity.

Salt, too, is necessary to maintain the health of the birds, especially the squabs, but it needs to be served out with great discrimination, lest evil effects supervene. I make a point in my own loft of mixing a small quantity with the sand and old mortar that I use the year round, and by so doing I find that the birds never go wrong, either during the breeding or flying season. When, as I know has been the practice, a lump of salt is deposited in the loft, about this season of the year, the owner is surprised to find his squabs of from 12 to 16 days old suddenly fall away. There is no disease in the loft to account for this;

everything appears to be in perfect order as regards cleanliness, ventilation, and so forth; still, the mischief is there, the little creatures are pining away. The youngster's crop is the index which the fancier must consult, for therein is the cause to be discovered of what is taking place. The old bird has probably been allured by the tastefulness of the salt, and eaten too freely of the condiment, with the result that an intolerable thirst has been engendered, followed by too free libations of the quenching liquid, which has gone, in lieu of food, to fill the crop of the squab, how inadequately as sustenance everyone knows. I find during the breeding season that it is very serviceable to hang in the loft an old-fashioned salt haddock, of which our favorites are very fond.

More About Green Food.

(C. A. House, in Poultry and Pigeons.)

Those of my readers who have never given their pigeons a chance of showing how much they appreciate green food should obtain a barrow load of garden refuse and throw it down in a heap in their aviaries. The way in which the birds will overhaul that heap will surprise the owner. A lettuce, a cabbage, a bunch of groundsel, watercress, or chickweed hung up in the loft or flight in such a position that the birds can reach and peck at it will not only afford them exercise and amusement, but will do good to their digestive organs, nourish and cleanse their blood and have a generally refreshing effect upon their organizations. To those who have gardens, the giving of green food is an easy matter, and those who have not may, by the exercise of a little diplomacy, obtain from the family green-grocer at a small price a good supply of green stuff. The time to wait upon him is in the afternoon or evening, when the day's trade is done, and what he has in stock is likely to prove a dead loss if held over till the next day. At such time a penny will do as much as sixpence in the morning when the stock is fresh and the day's trade not supplied. I enjoy a good salad myself in the summer time, and there is no doubt that a summer salad is much enjoyed, and is most beneficial to pigeons.

St. Louis Racing Pigeon Club.

The St. Louis Racing Pigeon Club will fly, August 26, fifty mile Introductory, 1st, 2d and 3d prizes, each member to time one bird. September 2d, seventy-five mile, 1st, 2d and 3d prizes, each member to time two birds. September 9, one hundred mile "Ternity" Race; September 16, National Federation Diploma Race; September 23, one hundred and fifty mile National Federation Race; September 30, one hundred and seventy-five mile race, 1st, 2d and 3d prizes; October 7, two hundred mile National Federation Diploma Race; October 14, three hundred mile National Federation Diploma Race.

THOMAS P. STONEY, Racing Sec'y.

Staten Island District.

The fourth race of the Staten Island District, National Federation was flown on Tuesday, June 5, from Danville, Va., four hundred miles.

First—Mr. John H. Thompson's Blue Hen, 8 hours, 18 minutes, 42 seconds.

Second—Mr. Adolph Busch's S. B. Hen, 8 hours, 36 minutes, 49 seconds.

Third—Harry Busch's Blue

8 hours, 55 minutes, 52 seconds.

Mr. Walker no report.

The weather conditions were as follows: At the start, north west wind; at home, south to west wind; clear.

Mr. Thompson has reason to be proud of his birds, as the time was exceedingly good.

Mr. Adolph Busch was handicapped by his timing machine stopping a few minutes—exactly how long is impossible to tell.

It was intended that the race should be flown on Saturday, June 2, but from a strange chapter or accidents it was delayed until Tuesday.

The flyers in the concourse race, June 23 next, had better look out for Mr. Thompson's birds, as he intends to leave everything behind.

Mr. Thompson has some real good cock in his loft.

ALFRED WHEELER,
Race Secretary.

YORK, PA., NATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

The one hundred mile old bird race was recently flown from Manassas, Va. All records for this district were broken for the one hundred mile distance. Mr. C. R. Thomas won first diploma, also silver cup:

Loft.	Speed in Yards per Minute.
C. R. Thomas.....	1,524.45
Edward Spangler.....	1,521.05
Andrew Shetter.....	1,519.93
Frank Seeman.....	1,518.45
Clyde Lentz.....	1,514.11
Edward Spangler.....	1,513.63
Harry Simpson.....	1,511.59
Wm. Bush.....	1,509.14
Chas. French.....	1,508.93
J. W. Jones.....	1,506.74
John Shetter.....	1,503.01
J. W. Jones.....	1,497.82
Andrew Shetter.....	1,493.75
Walter Thomas.....	1,484.61
Clyde Lentz.....	1,479.69
Harry Simpson.....	1,447.21
John Heck.....	1,440.27
Sidney Dimelow.....	1,438.15
Harry Shetter.....	1,428.93

GERMANTOWN DISTRICT, NATIONAL FEDERATION.

The one hundred mile old bird race of the above District was flown May 12, from Odenton, Md., five hundred and eighty-one birds competing. Weather clear; wind south at start; at home, cloudy, wind south. Liberated at 11 o'clock, A. M.:

Loft.	Speed in Yards per Minute.
Hamilton.....	1,546.59
Wister.....	1,536.44
Hamilton.....	1,534.33
Sutton.....	1,531.46
McCafferty.....	1,531.30
Hunsberger.....	1,531.22
P. Gallagher.....	1,530.56
Hargrave.....	1,522.75
Owens.....	1,512.16
Speise.....	1,507.17
Gaffney.....	1,502.45
L. Hoser.....	1,502.01
Reeves.....	1,497.10
Asquith.....	1,483.88
Walker.....	1,479.61
St. John.....	1,479.54
Kenzil.....	1,467.66
Lukens.....	1,466.77
Stout.....	1,464.96
Henkle.....	1,464.68
Brooks.....	1,451.98
T. Gallagher.....	1,447.39
Lindley.....	1,429.88
Murphy.....	1,358.53
Whitby.....	1,351.18

Diplomas to first five birds.
The two hundred mile old bird race was flown from Orange, Va., May 19. Five hundred and eleven birds competing. Liberated at 8:30 o'clock, A. M.:

Loft.	Speed in Yards per Minute.
Hamilton.....	1,216.26
L. Hoser.....	1,203.81
Owens.....	1,199.01
Asquith.....	1,198.52
Wister.....	1,198.39
P. G. Gallagher.....	1,186.06
Hargrave.....	1,185.26
McCafferty.....	1,185.10
Reeves.....	1,181.24
Gaffney.....	1,175.27
Walker.....	1,174.86
Speise.....	1,173.57
Lukens.....	1,172.72
St. John.....	1,171.97
Kinzel.....	1,167.68
Brooks.....	1,167.04
Hunsberger.....	1,165.08
Stout.....	1,156.65
Lindley.....	1,156.39
Murphy.....	1,152.21
T. Gallagher.....	1,151.02
Whitby.....	1,148.57
Hinkle.....	1,148.11

Diplomas to first five birds.
The three hundred mile old bird race was flown May 26, from Bedford, Va.,

five hundred and nine birds competing. Liberated at 6:40 o'clock, A. M., in a light south wind, cloudy weather; at home, west wind, partly cloudy. Owing to the early liberation, a fine race was spoiled, as a number of the members were at business when the birds arrived:

Loft.	Speed in Yards per Minute.
Sutton.....	1,436.05
Sutton.....	1,434.88
Owens.....	1,432.03
Hargrave.....	1,428.83
Wister.....	1,428.71
P. Gallagher.....	1,428.61
Brooks.....	1,427.95
Hamilton.....	1,427.93
Lindley.....	1,422.94
Walker.....	1,414.19
L. Hoser.....	1,408.64
Gaffney.....	1,408.17
Speise.....	1,405.83
Hunsberger.....	1,400.54
McCafferty.....	1,386.03
Asquith.....	1,384.85
Reese.....	1,381.48
St. John.....	1,381.07
T. Gallagher.....	1,378.45
Murphy.....	1,367.82
Stout.....	1,336.97
Lukens.....	1,321.92
Hinkle.....	1,299.00

Diplomas to first five birds.

LOUIS HOSER,
Secretary.

SYRACUSE, NEW YORK.

The Syracuse District of the National Association recently flew their one hundred mile old bird race from Warsaw, N. Y. Weather, clear, wind at start, northwest; at home, northwest. Ninety birds competed:

Loft.	Speed in Yards per Minute.
S. W. Rose.....	1,135.58
J. H. Fournier.....	1,124.35
S. W. Rose.....	1,114.81
George Lohmann.....	1,105.09
E. Behnke.....	1,067.56
W. G. Caedy.....	1,048.27
George Lohmann.....	1,048.25
F. Ernschaw.....	1,034.68
E. Behnke.....	1,031.58
D. B. Magee.....	1,030.71
J. H. Fournier.....	1,021.53
D. B. Magee.....	1,007.55
F. Ernschaw.....	1,000.17
Chas. Winter.....	957.95
Chas. Winter.....	910.30

S. W. ROSE,
Race Secretary.

PLAINFIELD, N. J., NATIONAL FEDERATION.

The three hundred mile old bird race of the Plainfield, N. J., N. F., was flown May 29. Birds had a strong northwest wind at start and finish:



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LOUISVILLE, KY., NATIONAL ASSOCIATION.

One hundred miles, from Central City, Kentucky:

Loft.	Speed in Yards per Minute.
S. Hillenbrand.....	916.21
E. H. Kaufman.....	911.02
E. H. Kaufman.....	906.35
S. J. Schreck.....	906.10
S. Hillenbrand.....	902.06
W. Grau.....	898.11
B. C. Frazier.....	890.50
B. C. Frazier.....	881.59
John H. Good.....	864.19
John H. Good.....	836.05
S. J. Schreck.....	804.27
Ed. Leyers.....	793.82
John B. Richardson.....	786.24
Ed. Leyers.....	783.67
W. Grau.....	684.86

Two hundred miles, from Fulton, Kentucky:

Loft.	Speed in Yards per Minute.
E. H. Kaufman.....	1,007.09
S. J. Schreck.....	1,004.11
S. Hillenbrand.....	1,002.46
John H. Good.....	926.42
Ed. Leyers.....	922.23
John H. Good.....	877.22
B. C. Frazier.....	808.22
John B. Richardson.....	No report
W. Grau.....	No report

Three hundred miles, from Memphis, Tennessee:

Loft.	Speed in Yards per Minute.
E. J. Schreck.....	839.89
E. H. Kaufman.....	838.86
E. H. Kaufman.....	838.24
S. Hillenbrand.....	824.57
John B. Richardson.....	820.81
S. Hillenbrand.....	820.16
John H. Good.....	816.72
B. C. Frazier.....	801.70
B. C. Frazier.....	788.16
W. Grau.....	No report
Ed. Leyers.....	No report

DR. JOHN B. RICHARDSON,
Secretary.

Luke Robson, Sr.....349.09
Luke Robson, Jr.....Birds not arrived
H. Gray.....Birds not arrived
C. Morse.....Birds not arrived
E. HUGHES,
Race Secretary.

CAMDEN CITY DISTRICT, AMERICAN ASSOCIATION.

The old bird two hundred mile race of Camden City District, N. F. A. H. P. F., of Camden, N. J., was flown on Tuesday, May 29, from Orange, Va., with one hundred and eighty-six birds competing. Liberator, A. F. Stofor; wind at start, northwest; at home, west; atmospheric conditions, at start, clear; home, cloudy: J. V. Gondolf.....1,035.47
Mattea Luongo.....1,034.43
Daniel Flynn.....1,033.08
George Armitage.....1,031.99
G. W. Adams.....1,028.88
Jos. Ryrie.....1,025.71
Jos. Foster.....1,025.28
John Sheak.....1,006.64
Robert Speer.....999.30
Louis Everly.....988.86
Wm. Whaland.....986.28
Warren Jackson.....966.87
Wm. Gilford.....933.25

Diplomas to first four birds.

The three hundred mile old bird race of Camden City District, N. F. A. H. P. F., was flown on Sunday, June 3, from Bedford City, Va., with one hundred and forty birds competing. Birds were liberated by

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Loft.	Speed in Yards per Minute.
John Sheak.....	1,029.26
Jos. Foster.....	1,020.52
W. Jackson.....	1,002.42
Wm. Whaland.....	1,000.98
Daniel Flynn.....	1,000.69
G. W. Adams.....	1,000.27
M. Loungo.....	999.58
Louis Everly.....	997.73
W. Gilford.....	997.02
Robert Speer.....	996.78
Jos. Conaghy.....	992.52
Jos. Ryrie.....	988.26
J. V. Gondolf.....	987.41
Wm. H. Day.....	981.89
George Armitage.....	956.98
Diplomas to first four birds.	
H. H. WHALAND,	
Race Secretary.	

WEST SIDE DISTRICT, NATIONAL FEDERATION.

The West Side District, National Federation American Homing Pigeon Fanciers, flew its two hundred mile old bird race from Bowerston, O., on Saturday, June 2. The birds were liberated by the official liberator, W. N. Harrah, who wired as follows: "Birds liberated 8:44, Eastern standard time. Clear, southwest wind. Quick start." The following list shows the positions in the race, the first and third birds being diploma winners:

Loft.	Speed in Yards per Minute.
Knox & Betts.....	1,287.86
Knox & Betts.....	1,286.37
Fellows & Walker.....	1,264.51
Louis Vielt.....	1,263.61
Fellows & Walker.....	1,249.82
George C. Peters.....	1,248.33
George C. Peters.....	1,221.74
John P. Young.....	1,209.64
John P. Young.....	1,187.44
Louis Vielt.....	1,174.07

Add under other Plainfield Report—
The four hundred mile old bird race was flown by the Plainfield, N. J., N. F., from Reidsville, N. C., June 9. Weather at start, clear; at home, cloudy:

Loft.	Speed in Yards Per Minute.
M. B. Mellor.....	1,393.87
M. B. Mellor.....	1,393.42
F. C. Brunner.....	1,200.68
H. J. Taylor.....	1,176.55
D. C. Anderson.....	1,171.55

M. B. MELLOR,
Race Secretary.

WELLESLEY, MASS., DISTRICT, NATIONAL FEDERATION.

The one hundred mile race was flown, May 20, from North Adams, Mass., eleven lofts, one hundred and twelve birds competing. Liberated 7:15; clear, wind northwest; at home, clear, wind northeast. Five other districts flew same time, total about eight hundred birds. Best speed of six districts made by winning Wellesley bird:

Loft.	Speed in Yards Per Minute.
Heald.....	1,366.47
Enholm.....	1,261.93
F. C. Hersey, Jr.....	1,240.66
Webb.....	1,238.65
F. C. Hersey, Jr.....	1,183.98
Paton.....	1,144.43
Atwood.....	1,125.22
Wagner.....	1,111.57
Webb.....	1,094.78
McMath.....	1,079.54
Atwood.....	1,086.74
W. A. Hersey.....	1,012.13
McMath.....	527.27
Estabrook.....	No report
Sladen.....	No report

The two hundred mile race was flown from Herkimer, N. Y., May 29, eleven lofts, eighty-four birds competing. Liberated 7:50; clear, northwest wind; at home, clear, northeast wind:

Loft.	Speed in Yards Per Minute.
F. C. Hersey, Jr.....	1,219.44
McMath.....	1,166.03
F. C. Hersey, Jr.....	1,125.15
Enholm.....	1,091.77
Paton.....	1,085.03
Heald.....	1,072.04
Paton.....	1,071.51
W. A. Hersey.....	1,067.04
Heald.....	1,032.87
Webb.....	998.92
W. A. Hersey.....	962.86
Webb.....	897.19
Wagner.....	885.45
Wagner.....	874.43
Atwood.....	Day record
Hesse.....	No report
Sladen.....	No report

Advertising rates in The American Fancier are very low, as they were fixed at a time when the circulation was only about one-half what it is at present. There is no cheaper advertising to-day, all things considered, than is offered by this publication.

TRIAL SUBSCRIPTION—Send twenty-five cents and we will send The American Fancier for thirteen weeks to one address.



BUCKWHEAT.

Comparatively few farmers appear to realize the value of buckwheat. Beside the buckwheat cake industry, the honey bee is very industrious when the plant is in bloom. Buckwheat honey is very delicious, and as a lubricator for a properly browned cake, makes a combine that pleases the epicure. It is a mooted question as to the real truth in regard to the amount of fertility the crop robs the soil of. As the crop seems to do well on exhausted soils, where comparatively nothing else will grow, it would seem this soil-exhaustion is more of a prejudice theory of grandfather origin, than anything else. It is planted at a season when it allows breaking up land and destroying weed crops. The crop leaves the soil in especially fine mellow condition for almost and succeeding crop. Its growth is quick, and consequently it smotheres out competing weeds. The grain is excellent for poultry and pheasants.

The United States probably gives more attention to buckwheat raising than any other country. Japan, however, uses it extensively as an article of diet. One of the most valued varieties of buckwheat in this country is the Japanese, which is very productive. Buckwheat is sown, generally from July 1st to 15th, according to sections of the country. The seed bed should be well prepared. The seed may be broadcasted or drilled into the ground. It will quite complete its growth in six or seven weeks. It keeps right on blooming after the top blooms have matured. Some advise to wait until the early frosts nip the late blooms before commencing to harvest the crop. Seasonable conditions greatly vary and the cutting should be done as soon as the upper heads are all well matured. If delayed too long the grain will shatter from the heads in handling. It is put in small bundles, which are set up and allowed several days to dry, as the stalks are very succulent, causing the grain to season slowly. When threshed, put it on the barn floor, spreading it out so not to have it very deep. Keep the doors open dry days, and shovel the grain over several times while it is curing or seasoning, otherwise it will heat. Let the poultry have access to the stubble after the grain is hauled in. The straw is only good for bedding.

"Go to Grass."

The above advice is often given. It means more than surface indications. How greatly we mortals are dependent on grass is not generally understood. The grass or hay crop is in a sense the great maintainer of humans as well as majority of the animal kingdom. There are various degrees of greens that form sustenance essentials. Many of these grasses or greens are cured and serve, so to speak, out of season as food products. Recently a man who had evidently made an economic study of grasses, became somewhat exuberant with spirits of rye. His business was

life insurance. He approached a lady and said Madam, "Understand your a widow and we"—Lady interrupting him said laughingly. Oh, I'm just a grass-widow you know. "Well" he replied I'm a regular lawn mower agent also."

An exchange says: "We see a cow, a sheep and a goose out feeding upon the grass of the meadow. All are subsisting on the same food, yet in the one case hair is produced, in the second wool and in the third feathers. Do you know why this is the case? I think not, nor do I. The very bread upon our tables is full of mysteries. We find on all sides of us multitudes of things that we believe in, but that we do not understand."

WARNED OF FAKIRS.

Has that fakir floated onto your farm yet, oozing eloquence at every pore, showing cheek that lightning could not injure and offering you gold spectacles at ten cents a pair, solid silver spoons at ten cents apiece, goose wheat at \$10 a bushel, half-pound strawberries at \$1 a plant, apple trees whose juices kill codling-moths, lightning rods with roosters that flush a brilliant red when a storm is approaching, air churns that make butter in a second, butter increasers that double the amount of butter in a given quantity of milk, mowing machines that operate themselves, and similar wonders, and ending by presenting receipts or contracts for you to sign? Be ready for him. He is due. Forget how to write before he presents the papers for you to sign.—New York Farmer.

Put every business agreement in writing and never pay a bill without taking a receipt for it, says Farm and Home. This may save serious misunderstandings and an infinite amount of trouble. Men's memories are treacherous but a writing does not change. Whenever you hire a man put down the date and terms in your note book, and if you buy or sell an animal with a warranty write down the exact words and have them signed. This is a protection which anyone can ill afford to neglect. It is not doubting a man's word to ask him to put it in writing; it is only protecting yourself so that your partner, wife, children or administrator could attend to your business affairs with a clearer understanding and better results if the necessity should arise.

I have been dairying for seven years and have every summer had some kind of a soiling feed for my stock when the pastures were dried and the stock would have to fight flies all day. I have tried several different kinds of soiling crops and have had the best results from sweet corn. It makes a good flow of milk that tests well. I plant as early as possible and several times about ten days apart on good ground well manured.—E. L. Ensign, Clinton Co., N. Y., in Farm and Home.

HOME INSTINCT OF HORSES.

I have read with some interest in some of the recent issues of Forest and Stream of the "back-tracking instinct" in horses, and am reminded of a trait possessed by a large bay mare owned by my father when I was a small boy living on the old farm in the Ozark Mountains, in Washington County, Arkansas.

My father was a Confederate soldier, belonging in a cavalry company, and when he with his command surrendered he was allowed to keep his mount. He had purchased the mare from a party from Missouri, who had taken her from some point in Missouri to the Red River country in southern Arkansas at the beginning of the Civil War.

She was about five years old when the war ended, and we kept her years, and to my certain knowledge never at any time did she gain her freedom but that she started north in the direction of Missouri, and travelled until overtaken and brought back. We tried all kinds of expedients to induce her to remain, but nothing but confinement kept her in Arkansas. In those days the grass was fine in the mountains, and all kinds of stock grew and fattened on it, with no cost but a little salt occasionally. But even after three or four of her colts were grown up and in the herd, and with a colt in the pasture, she would occasionally gain her liberty and start north on a fast trot, and had to be caught and brought back. And finally, when she had become old and of small value, one spring day my father ordered me to take her out and turn her on the range and let her go. This I did, and within ten minutes she began to feed out north, and I took one look at her, went home, and never saw her again.—(Correspondence Forest and Stream.)

Farm Laconics.

Plenty of live stock is essential to the maintenance of the fertility of the soil.

Anything that can be added to the compost heap of the barnyard is sure to be a good investment.

The farmer who does things with a system economizes in many ways.

When a farmer is bothered to know what to do on a rainy day he is not a master in his business.

The secret of success in all things is thorough attention to details. One little neglect is like a missing cog in a wheel.

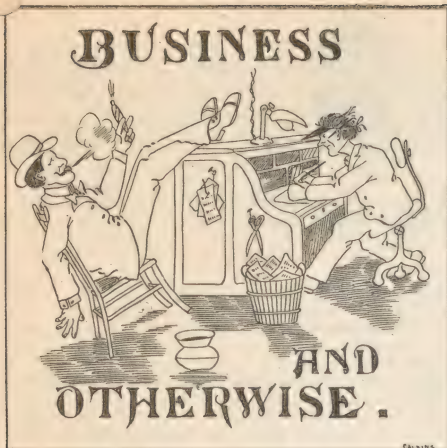
It is not the farmer who spends the most time at the cross-roads store and post office that has the best crop, but he does have more "tarnel bad luck" than other farmers.

The successful farmer is the one who improves the farm home. It is only necessary to observe the farm dwelling to determine where the successful farmer is.

The farmer who has a good garden has a storehouse of supplies the promotes health, happiness and contentment.

Unnecessary leaks on the farm add to the cost of the crops. Improper care of tools, harness, neglect of stock, leaving corn fodder out in the fields, side-hill barnyards, where the liquid element washes away from the compost pile, are all great leaks that are millstones around the neck of success.

Advertise in The Fancier.



What is a hobby?

There are two words, spelled alike, of allied derivation, but of different signification. The first "hobby" is derived from "hobel," meaning that which stops or starts suddenly, and is applied to a species of falcon, "Falco subbutes," extremely active and formerly much trained for hawking. The other "hobby" is derived from the Norman French, "hobyn," and signifies a strong, active horse of medium size, said to have been originally bred in Ireland.

Ireland, we know, is proverbial for the excellence of its livestock. Who has not heard of an Irish bull!

Then the word was applied to a pacing horse, because many pacers were strong, active and of medium size, and thus fulfilled the requirements of the definition. Every man, who rode the horse of his choice, rode a pacer, and so rode a hobby. Hence the expression of riding a hobby.

This meaning of the word was gradually transferred to the sticks that each active boy bestrode, and later to the wooden rocking horses, which have become a part of the regular furniture of the nursery. And, as children rode their sticks or rocking horses with zeal and great apparent pleasure to themselves, the word came to have a still further derived meaning of "any favorite object; that which a person pursues with zeal or delight."

This last definition is what we mean by a hobby.

The great part of the business of life with some men is the riding of hobbies. With all men this is true to a greater or less degree. While each hobby has answered the definition given, the hobbies themselves have been widely variant in character. One man has a mania for collecting rare books. He will pay for a copy of the Bay State Psalm Book—whose intrinsic value is about one-half of one per cent—enough to purchase a good farm. Another has a mania for collecting coins, and about everybody is collecting souvenir postal cards.

Mark Twain describes a person who made the most unique collection on record. This was a collection of echoes. Wherever a piece of property could be found which produced a fine echo there this individual became a purchaser. At last, having become the possessor of many noble echoes, he discovered one echo grander, louder, clearer and more multiplex than any known before, and negotiated for its purchase. But, alas! The price was beyond the remnant of his fortune, and the despairing collector, to

escape from the never-to-be-satisfied longing to possess the famous echo, found relief in death.

The universality of hobbies is a striking fact. Every man has one. This argues the need of them. Man, as he is constituted, must have a hobby—something that will yield to him pleasure in its pursuit. Were it not so, this universality would not exist. There is a wide difference in hobbies which are open to a man's selection, but it is essential that his choice shall rest upon one suited to his circumstances.

The poor man cannot become a collector of rare books. Only the millionaire can surround himself with valuable works of art.

A hobby should be an object or pursuit which will afford recreation and refreshment to the mind, thus better fitting it for the discharge of the daily duties of life, and at the same time be within the means of the man who desires it.

For the majority of men the hobby must not be expensive. Their means will not permit it. To these men, needing as much, nay, more, than the millionaire, some hobby to sweeten life, some delight to banish weariness and forget toil, the breeding of fancy poultry makes a strong claim.

It is inexpensive. A few dollars will procure a sitting or two of eggs or a trio of fowls. A cheap coop, with a wire run, is equally inexpensive, and the hobby is his. The original outlay is slight, and then the expense ceases. The hobby will pay its way. Unlike many other hobbies, to indulge in which require a large original outlay and constant and increasing expenditures, poultry breeding is within the reach of the humblest wage-earner. Anybody can afford to keep fowls. Where mongrels will live and do fairly well, fancy poultry will thrive, and will make better returns than non-descripts for the care bestowed upon them.

It is a recreation to the mind. The care of fowls, the observation of their ways from chickenhood to maturity, from the time they chip the shell until the pullets begin to "shell out" themselves, is a constant source of wonder and delight. One never tires of watching the pert motions of the animated balls of down called chickens. In the presence of such sights and in the hearing of such sounds as the poultry yard affords, the cobwebs of care which the spider of business has spun over the brain are brushed away, and the mind is restored to its normal working condition.

It is healthful. The care of fowls leads the man confined to his shop, store or office for the greater part of the day, out into the open air, fills his lungs with oxygen, and properly aerates and sets in motion the currents of his stagnating blood.

Somewhere we have seen the following balance sheet:

Health promoted.....	\$500 00
Pleasure enjoyed.....	500 00
Cash profits of the yard.....	15

Profits over and above all...\$1,000 15

This is not a bad showing—a thousand dollars and fifteen cents clear profit, the greater part being in that which makes life worth living, but most breeders can improve it in the item, "Cash profits."

It is a mental stimulant. The mind of the man behind the counter is apt to go "shoppy." Trade or business leaves as distinct an impress upon his mind as it does upon his hands. His thoughts run in the narrow grooves of his daily occupation, and he cannot get out of them. He is in the ruts of life, and must remain there, unless he can mount his hobby horse and gallop away from them.

Once in the saddle, and he feels the fresh air on his cheeks, he sees the green turf beneath his feet, and, with the blood coursing freely through his veins, he feels himself a new man.

Poultry breeding, when carried on for the production of fancy points, by calling for close discrimination in the selection of the breeding stock and skill in the mating of the sexes for the production of young better than either of their parents, furnishes just the needed excitant to the mind to lift it out of its customary ruts and awaken new trains of thought.

It is of universal adaptability. It is the hobby for all classes of men. In it they have found, do find, and will continue to find, pleasure and delight, so long as human nature and its needs remain what they are. To the man who has tried it, no exhortation is needed to continue it. To the man who has not, we advise one season's trial. The result of it will be the best possible argument in its favor. If he does not like it, then let him abandon it for some more congenial pursuit. If he does, just one word of caution is necessary—let him not ride it too hard, or his wife will have no space for her flower beds.

This, then, is the hobby we advocate, because it is inexpensive, because it is a recreation of the mind, because it is healthful, because it is a mental stimulant, and because it is practical—a hobby, which, reasonably pursued, will add largely to the sum total of human happiness.

Will you try it, reader?

NEW YORK MARKET REPORT.

EGGS—Receipts for the week, 102,551 cases.

Nearby, f g selected white, fancy..... @ 22
Good to choice..... 20 @ 21
Extra, mixed colors..... 19½ @ 20
Firsts to extra firsts..... 17 @ 18

Western, fresh-gathered, extra firsts..... 18 @ 18½
Firsts..... 16½ @ 17
Seconds..... 15 @ 16
Kentucky seconds..... @ 15

Thirds, all sections..... 14 @ 14½
Western dirties, No. 1..... 14 @ 14½
No. 2..... 12½ @ 13½

Checked eggs..... 9 @ 12

DRESSED POULTRY—Receipts for the week, 10,609 packages.

FRESH KILLED—ICED.

Turkeys, average lots..... @ 13

Poor to medium..... 11 @ 12

Chickens, broilers—4 lbs per pair and under—

Philadelphia, dry-picked, fancy..... 30 @ 32

Dry-picked, average run..... 25 @ 28

N P & Pa, dry-picked, fcy..... @ 25

Dry-picked, average run..... 20 @ 22

Western, dry-picked, fcy..... 24 @ 25

Dry-picked, average..... 20 @ 22

Scalded, fancy..... @ 22

Scalded, average run..... 18 @ 20

FOWLS—

Philadelphia, dry-picked, fancy..... @ 13

Dry-picked, average run..... @ 12½

Western, dry-picked, selected barrels..... @ 12½

Dry-picked, average run..... @ 12

Scalded, selected, bbls..... @ 12½

Scalded, average run..... @ 12

Other Poultry—

Old cocks, dry-picked..... @ 8

Scalded..... @ 8

Ducklings, Long Island & Eastern..... @ 12½

Other nearby..... @ 12

Squabs, prime white—

8 lbs to doz, per doz..... @ 3 00

7 lbs to doz, per doz..... @ 2 25

6@6½ lbs to doz, per doz..... 1 50 @ 1 75

Mixed, per doz..... @ 1 50

Dark, per doz..... 1 25 @ 1 50

Culls, per doz..... 50 @ 75

FROZEN POULTRY.

Turkeys, hens, No. 1..... @ 20

Toms, No. 1..... 19 @ 20

No. 2..... 14 @ 16

Old toms, No. 1..... 17½ @ 18

Capons, west, 8 lbs & over, each..... 19 @ 20

Under 8 lbs each..... 16 @ 17

Broilers, milk fed, dry-picked, 4 lbs and under to pair..... @ 20

Dry-picked, 4 lbs and under to pair, No. 1..... 17 @ 18

Scalded, 4 lbs and under to pair, No. 1..... 16 @ 17

No. 2..... 13 @ 14

Roasting chickens, milk fed, dry-picked, fancy..... 16 @ 17

Soft meat, fancy..... 15 @ 16

Average, No. 1..... 12 @ 14

FOWLS, No. 1..... 12½ @ 13

No. 2..... 8 @ 10

Chickens, No. 2..... 8 @ 10

Ducks, No. 1..... @ 13

No. 2..... 11 @ 12

Geese, No. 1..... 11 @ 12

No. 2..... 8 @ 10

LIVE POULTRY—Receipts for the week, fifty-one cars.

Broilers, nearby, per lb..... 26 @ 27

Western..... @ 26

Southern..... @ 24

Fowls, per lb..... @ 13½

Roosters, per lb..... @ 7

Turkeys, per lb..... 11 @ 12

Ducks, Western, per pair..... 70 @ 80

Southern & Southwestern, per pair..... 50 @ 60

Geese, Western, per pair..... 1 25 @ 1 50

Southern & Southwestern..... 90 @ 1 00

Pigeons, per pair..... @ 25

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To The American Fancier:
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Yours truly,
F. M. THOMAS.
Catskill, N. Y., May 2, 1906.

A1 In Advertising.

Editor American Fancier:
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E. S. FREEMAN,
Manager Universal Regulator Co.
Plainville, Conn.

His First Love.

Editor American Fancier:
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JAMES B. N. FITCH.
Mt. Vernon, N. Y., May 21, 1906.

The Right Sort of Inquiries.

To The American Fancier:
We are getting a great many inquiries from our advertisement in The American Fancier and they are of the right sort and have several fine sales under way. We care more for this class of inquiries than those we receive by the dozen and which never amount to anything.

PRAGER & SHILLING.
Chicago, Ill., April 26, 1906.

Seems Good to Him.

To The American Fancier:
It seems good to get the Fancier in the good old way, and there is but one "American Fancier," and that is when "Drev" is the Editor. We hope that all the cranks in hendom will do their little bit to push a good thing along.

Yours truly,
PERMARTEL POULTRY YARDS,
H. G. Ruth, Mgr.
Olean, N. Y.

Good Returns.

To The American Fancier:
We received American Fancier with ad in it, and have already had good returns from the same.

Yours truly,
ATWOOD KREIDER.
Lititz, Pa.

The Finishing Touch.

To The American Fancier:
I want to congratulate you on the improvement of the paper. The cover puts the finishing touch on, and it is now getting to be a grand paper. Wishing you success, I am,

Yours truly,
LUTESINGER & SON.
Auburn, N. Y., April 26, 1906.

Swamped With Orders.

To The American Fancier:
Kindly cut out my large classified advertisement and just run the small one. I am swamped with orders. Have had to refuse some. Have had as high as eleven settings of my best eggs ordered in one mail. Please cut the ad out as soon as possible. Wishing you success with your bright, newsy paper, I remain,

Very truly yours,
ARTHUR BOUCK.
Frankfort, N. Y., April 20, 1906.

Standby for Years.

To The American Fancier:
We are more than pleased to see the old American Fancier by itself again. It has been our standby for years. It is the one that heads the line, favoring neither friend or foe, and when it comes to show reports, you have the whole thing, not "our patrons winning," such reports are like reading a prospectus instead of the book, and, again, the news is fresh, brief and to the point. Long may her eagle live to scream.

Yours truly,
W. E. SAMSON.
Forest City, Pa., May 14, 1906.

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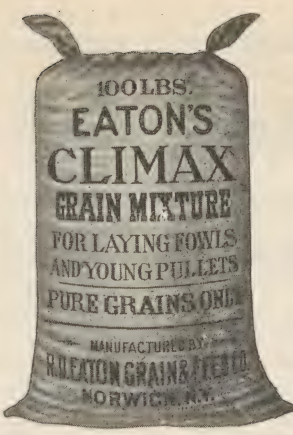
Most truly yours,
CHAS. H. BRUNDAGE.
Danbury, Conn., April 27, 1906.

Like Old Times.

To The American Fancier:
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Very respectfully,
ELLIS DUNTZ.
Glencoe Mills, N. Y., May 3, 1906.

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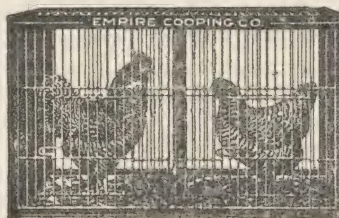
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Radford vs. Schilling.

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Mr. Schilling's article has been noticed in the last issue of the Fancier. After eliminating all sarcasm, bitter retort and carefully studied slurs (which by the way are not convincing arguments) we have left nothing but another attempted explanation of what constitutes selling a flock of birds. I have no intention of going into this matter again. I never hoped to convince Mr. Schilling that I was correct in this matter, and don't care to impose upon the readers of this paper any further discussion of a purely technical matter which Mr. Schilling will never want to see in any other light than he does at present. I submitted this very point to the editor of this paper before the controversy was opened in its columns and he decided that there was no reason whatever for withdrawing my advertisement. Since several other disinterested persons have, to my knowledge, felt convinced that I made no false claims, I assume that the majority of the readers of this paper have been similarly convinced by the articles that have already appeared. I have no intention of carrying the discussion further. Let me repeat that the columns of this paper should be used to convince the public, and not to jockey over trivial matters with Mr. Schilling.

Mr. Schilling is guilty of unpardonable short-sightedness, to say the least, when he accuses me of contradicting myself in regard to my correspondence with him. I leave it for the readers to decide (if they take enough interest in the matter, which I doubt) whether the contradiction is not in Mr. Schilling's mind only, and whether the misstatement of facts was not made by Mr. Schilling himself in his first article. Surely the arguments of Mr. Schilling in this and other connections will give the readers of this paper the best possible proof of my wisdom in refusing to argue the case at any length with Mr. Schilling by correspondence. I also leave it to the readers whether I expected the matter to die a natural death by not answering Mr. Schilling's last letter. Is not the fact that I referred it to Mr. Drevenstedt the best proof that such a statement is not true?

But a few of Mr. Schiller's statements cannot go unanswered. He says that I purchased "only one second prize Boston and State Fair winner." Without mincing matters let me say positively that either this statement is false or else Mr. B. O. Schilling's letter to me at the time the sale was made was false. I have a Boston winner, a Hagerstown winner and four State Fair winners, and if I have not got them the matter was positively and knowingly misrepresented to me.

In regard to Mr. Schilling's defense of his unjustifiable position regarding the Rock Hill Poultry Farm, it is so weak that it scarcely needs an answer. It is enough to say that I am certainly taking no credit not my own when the winnings of this farm were made in their own name and have never been publicly connected with the Schillings until Mr. Schilling so unnecessarily made announcement of the fact.

And so, if Mr. Schilling is inclined to carry this controversy farther and make it a continuous performance he will have to appear before the public alone. I am not disposed to waste my

time in a discussion of technicalities that will settle nothing. In these columns I have clearly stated my side of the case before. I have not claimed to own all the winners the Schillings ever owned, and my previous article need only to be read to prove it. Besides that is not the question at all now. And it must be distinctly understood that no affidavits can possibly settle the real question in dispute, namely, what constitutes selling a flock—a question which Mr. Schilling evades, but which a number of people whose opinions I value highly have decided satisfactorily to me.

FRANK W. RADFORD.

Origin of Vegetables.

The ancient and present use of vegetables is as interesting as it is varied. Tomatoes at one time were used as an ornament in the front yards and called love apples.

One of the first plants cultivated by man is the lentil. It is a native of the Himalayas. It is known that for a "pottage of lentiles" Esau sold his birthright. Nearly as old are the various kinds of leek, which are also natives of Asia. Nero's nickname was Porrophagus, i. e., the leek-eater, because of his habit of eating leek for the purpose of clearing his voice. At the time of the Pharaohs, leek was cultivated in Egypt. Garlic was regarded by the ancients as a dietary nutriment. The Israelites during their captivity, the laborers at the Pyramids of Cheops, the soldiers, sailors, peasants among the ancient Greeks and Romans—they all ate garlic when exhausted from heat or labor. The onion was almost an object of worship with the Egyptians two thousand years before the Christian era. It first came from India. The cucumber was originally a tropical vegetable indigenous to Cashmere, China and Persia. The Emperor Tiberius used to eat great quantities of them, especially in winter. The Egyptians prepared a beverage out of the juice of the cucumber. Asparagus was originally a wild sea-coast plant, and is a native of Great Britain. It was Plato's favorite vegetable, and Aristophanes praised it as an excellent digestive. Spinach is an Arabian plant, imported by the Arabians into Spain. Melons were found originally in Southern Asia, and were cultivated by the Greeks and Romans. Columbus introduced them to America. The cantaloupe is a native of America, and so called from the name of a place near Rome, where it was first cultivated in Europe. Cabbage is indigenous to Greece; Cincinnatus ordered its cultivation in Rome. Cauliflower is a native of Cyprus. Radish comes from China, whence also comes rhubarb, introduced in Europe in the fourteenth century. The bean is said to be a native of Egypt and India, the pea of Asia. These two vegetables were cultivated in Europe in the most ancient times. Peas have been found in the Swiss pile-buildings dating from the bronze period. The tomato is a native of South America, and it takes its name from a Portuguese word. Parsley is said to have come from Egypt, and mythology tells us it was used to adorn the head of Hercules. Celery once used to be a common weed in Great Britain.

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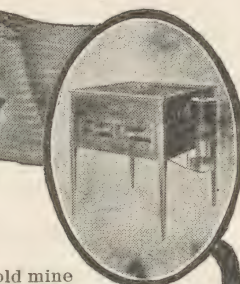
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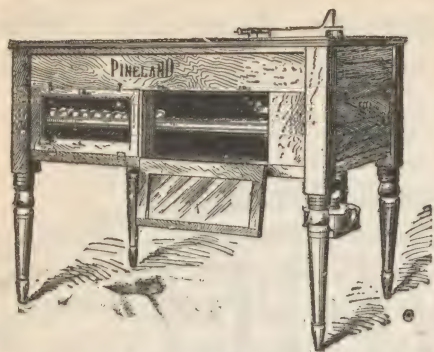
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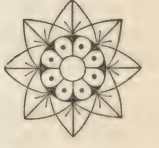
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Washing Birds for Exhibition



By a Successful Exhibitor.

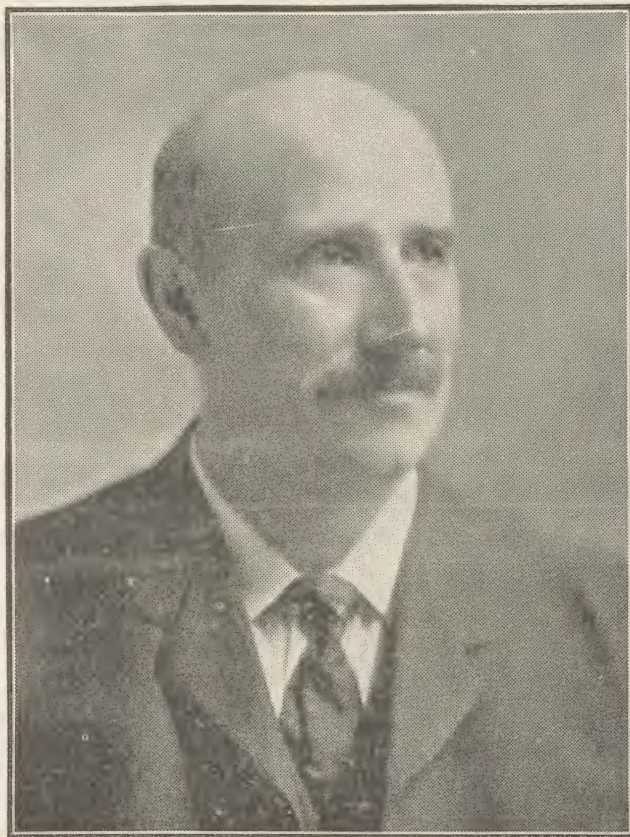
WASHING BIRDS FOR EXHIBITION.

If anyone were to ask me what kinds of birds require washing before exhibition, my reply would be, that all depended up circumstances. As a general rule, all birds with any white ground are the especial ones that should be washed, as white so easily soils, and such a difference is made in the appearance between a soiled and a clean bird. Nevertheless, on occasion, other colors might with advantage, receive a scrub down. Dirt is dirt, wherever it be, and I know some that wash their birds, black though they may be by nature, insomuch that they suspect them black by reason of their surroundings, and, therefore, more or less lustreless, and not looking their best. All birds are brighter and more full of lustre, by reason of an occasional wash. But washing is said to soften feathers.

The modus operandi is simplicity itself. Beginners often look upon the operation as a wonderful thing, only to be acquired by a professional. But some of these same novices having seen myself at work on their birds for them, in less than a fortnight, knew even more, from their talk about it, than I did myself, so easy, apparently, had the thing become to them on one trial. In my own case, if I have two or three Hamburgs to wash at the same time, I have the kitchen copper started, and a good quantity of hot water to hand. I generally perform in the laundry, to the no great delight of the cook, as I have in the cold water tap there a plentiful supply of the wherewithal to temper the boiling water of the copper.

I have an assistant, generally two. These provide towels, soap, nail brushes, and buckets of cold water before we commence operations. In other words, besides getting a wash-tub full of water, the right heat, into which to put the bird, we have our store of cold, drawn ready to hand, and generally three vessels large enough to put the bird into overhead.

All being ready, we will say we begin on a cockerel. I stick him into the water tail first, plunging him in up to the neck, and hold him steadily there a few moments, till he is reconciled to the situation. Then I lift him out once or twice, and put him in again so that he may become accustomed to the motion. Especially in the case of Hamburgs, a rather wild bird to wash, should you be careful to get the bird to rest quietly. Cases are not infrequent where, in their terror, they have died in the bath. Handle gently, and don't be in too big a hurry to begin.



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Now your assistant can hold him down whilst you rub into the water some curd soap, with the nail brush you have provided. Don't use soft soap; curd soap is best. Rub till you get a really fine lather, and with your hands cover the bird from throat to tail with the lather. I do not like rubbing the solid soap on the feather. I used to do it twenty years ago, but I do not do it now. The soap, if rubbed in, in that way, is bad to get out again. I like the lather method better.

Now soap the nail brush from the soap itself, and begin at the comb and wattles, and brush them most carefully till they are a bright coral scarlet. You will see at a glance when they are clean. With a sponge wash the lobes well with the lather. The brush, unless handled very carefully, will be rather rough on good, big, fine texture lobes. But they can be done with a brush if the work is performed carefully. Then brush the hackle well down from the head. Go all along the back in the direction of head to tail,

and then continue along the tail, placing the same in the palm of the left hand, and brushing over the palm with the right hand. Always work the way of the feather, and go on from the root of the tail right away to the very end.

Now brush the sides of the bird. Spread out the wings in the palm of the right hand, and go over them carefully, brushing the dirt away to the end of the feather. Hold a wing up and brush away there, too. Then start at throat, and brush downwards, over the thighs and under-parts, right away to the tail. Pop the bird into the water, and rinse off all the dirty soap. Cover him with lather again, and with your hand wash him half in and half out of the water, so that there is plenty of fluid to carry away the dirty lather. I generally wash the thighs with my hands, and a good deal of the tail, and I give the tail a final lathering and rubbing with the hand, plunging the bird again and again in the water, to get the dirty, soapy lather away from him.

But be extremely careful that in all this there is no coarse heavy work, and be extremely careful on a chicken, or you will find plenty of pin feathers in the water, and wonder where they came from. But when the bird dries you will easily see where they have come from by the bare patches upon him. Use him gently all through.

Now pop him into the second water, and with your hands, or a sponge, free from soap, bathe and wash him as much as possible, to free him from the soap. This water may be about the same heat as the former, and both should be so that he is not chilled on the one hand, nor stifled on the other.

Take him now into the third water, in which is put a little powdered blue. The object of this powdered blue is to prevent, as in lime-wash, any yellow appearance afterwards.

You may now run the feathers of the tail through your mouth, and see if there be any soapy taste. There should be no vestige of such, but to make quite sure I always use a fourth water with a little blue in it, less than before, and a teaspoonful of glycerine to bring out the gloss when the bird is dry.

Now, this water should be a little colder than the other, so as to close the pores of the skin of the bird. He will then run little risk of catching cold. Rinse him well in this for a moment, and dry him by rubbing him down with your hand, and also with a dry clean sponge, working the same way as the feather. I towel him after this, and then set him in a box before the fire. Some never sponge or towel their birds at all, so they tell me, but lift them out of the water, let them drip a little, and then put them into a basket before the fire to dry.

I use a box or a large exhibition pen. The latter has the advantage that you can turn it round and round as the bird dries, and so dry all parts alike. But such a pen wants a little screening, I think, from a scorching fire. You want a decent red fire to begin with, for the bird, if a big one, will be hours in drying. If I wash by daylight I bring the bird into a room and close the shutters, so as to have him in darkness. When I use a box, I always first line it with newspaper, in case it may be a little dirty. For the bird will edge up to the side and rub himself. The perch, too, must be washed before he roosts, or his damp, steamy state will bring out the dirt, and he will have a nasty dirty bar underneath, where the perch has touched him.

To go back to our waters. I pour

off the first water down the sink, sponge and wipe out the vessel, and set it aside to be filled again for my third water, whilst I go on washing the second bird in what was my previous second water. This water, when done with, is thrown away, in turn, and clean substituted.

When the birds are thoroughly dry, place them in pens that have been perfectly cleansed, upon straw or hay, and see that they have a little grit in the pen, but nothing that they can soil themselves with. Let their water be on the outside of the pen, and their food so placed that they cannot, when they have eaten enough, sit down in it and mess themselves. Give them a little boiled linseed in their food up to the show day.

Wash them, if large, three good days before the show, or you will not get the bloom back upon them in time. Game Pyle Bantams will do if washed the day before, but soft feathered birds are better done in ample time.

The Buff Leghorns in the West.

(By L. B. Bell, Milton, Oregon.)

Out West, where the Star of Empire shines continually, where the pioneer by his indomitable will and unbounded energy, carved out of the wilderness States for the Union, and where the same studry qualities are ever present, though transmitted to his children and their children, and they are blessed by surroundings of soil and climate surpassed no where in the world, have laid foundations on which to build, that are so broad and strong that they will cause future generations and other people less fortunately situated to stop in their wild rush for greater things, and stare in wide-eyed wonder at that which we have already accomplished.

Last winter at the Corvallis, Oregon, poultry show, the Buff Leghorns were the largest class in the show, with a score as high as 92½ for cock, 93 for hens and pullets, and 94 for cockerels. I have known many who have been for years in the poultry business, and all who have tried the Buff Leghorns with other breeds of chickens, have in time discarded the others, and are raising the Buff Leghorn in preference to all others, and why? Simply because they have proved to be the most profitable breed. Profitable because they lay a great number of eggs, and many of them in the winter, when eggs are high in price; because they are an exceedingly healthy bird; because they, as a market fowl, are plump, yellow-skinned, and their flesh is of good quality. If given a reasonable amount of exercise they do not become over-fat and lazy, and with free range they will rustle most of their own living. They are always clean and sprightly, and with their smooth cackle and crow are a joy to have near one.

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The Rumpless Fowl

An Interesting Article Upon This Breed of Ancient Origin

This ancient variety, known for more than two hundred years, is not mentioned in the Standard of Perfection, but was recognized in the Standard of Excellence, where its requirements were contained in twenty-one words, the only point insisted upon being that the fowl should be tailless. All colors were admitted, although black and white were preferred, the comb to be either single or rose.

But the fowl deserves more than a passing notice. It was described and illustrated by Aldrovandus under the name of the Persian fowl in 1645. In this work the cock is represented as having short, stout legs, four toes upon each foot, and a few drooping saddle-feathers, which supply the place of a tail. The comb is drawn as being double and exceedingly large, with very deep serrations. The hen is figured of the same general shape as the cock, but with a smaller comb. Aldrovandus describes the fowl as follows:

"The cock, which they call Persian, and which we have figured, differs from our own sorts, mainly in having no tail; in other respects it is very like them. The cock, however, had a sort of a tail; it was all black, sprinkled with yellow lines; the first quill feathers were white, the rest black; the feet ashy. The hen was like our own in shape and carriage; of ferruginous color, except the three quill feathers, which were black."

In the "Poultry Book" of Messrs. Wingfield & Johnson, published in 1853, we find the following summary of the accounts of this peculiar fowl, given by the older naturalists:

"This is the *Gallus ecaudatus*, or Tailless fowl, of the naturalist Temminck, and the *Gallina cauda seu uropygio careus*, or Fowl without a Tail or Rump, of Linnaeus. It is the Rumpless or Persian cock of Latham, and the Rumpkin of others. This variety was known to Aldrovandus two centuries and a half ago, and he calls it the Persian fowl. His specimens only appear to have differed from those which we have seen in having a black plumage variously marked with yellow. Sonini and Temminck state that it is a native of the Ceylon forests, and is called by the natives Wallikikilli, or Cock of the Woods. This, however, is denied by Mr. E. L. Layard, brother of the explorer of Nineveh. Writing from Ceylon in 1850, he says, 'The Rumpless fowl is not a wild inhabitant of this island, in spite of Temminck. It is a rather tame introduction from China, I am told. It may appear like boasting, but I can confidently say I am more acquainted with the Ceylon fauna than any man living, and that if the bird had existed wild I must have seen it. Wallikikilli is the name for the female of *Gallus Stanley*, meaning, literally, Walli, juggle, and kikiilli, hen. The name of the Rumpkin is Chocikukullo, literally, Cochins fowls.' (Gardeners' Chronicle, 1851, page 619). The Rev. J. Clayton in the

Philosophical Transactions for 1693, page 992, says that he observed in Virginia that the hens and cocks were, for the most part, without tails; adding that he was assured that our English hens, after some time, lose their rumps. Buffon inconsiderately accepted this as truth, and even Dr. Latham seems not to have felt certain of its being untrue."

From the above statement, and from similar ones made by Virginia colonists, Buffon supposed the Rumpless fowl to have originated in Virginia, and lays as a foundation for this hypothesis the circumstance that it was unknown to the ancients and unnoticed by naturalists until after the discovery of America. He follows up this supposition with that most dangerous of all arguments, the argument from analogy, and reasons that as European dogs with long ears lose their bark and acquire straight ears upon being acclimated in the tropics, so the loss of the tails in fowls may arise from the effects of climate, a change which he considers much less marked and therefore more likely to occur than the former. It is unnecessary to refute either the hypothesis or the reasoning upon which it is based, for we know that the fowls do not lose their tails in Virginia, and that the Rumpless fowl was known at a very early date and had probably then existed for a long period of time, possibly antedating the discovery of America.

There can be but little doubt that this peculiarity originated in some accidental variation, and that it has been perpetuated by artificial selection. It is not certain when this variation occurred, and its locality is equally undeterminable. Mr. Lewis Wright while characterizing the cause of the loss of the caudal appendages of English fowls, assigned by Mr. Clayton as absurd, still shows a friendly leaning toward the theory of climatic effect, although distinctly avowing the accidental variation theory. He says: "The tailless feline race of the Isle of Man is well known, and furnishes a strikingly analogous case in point. Even Rumpless fowls are common in the same locality." And in a foot-note he adds, "The many reports from various sources, not easily explained or laughed away, of a race of tailed men in Boreno, furnish an example analogous by contrariety, which may suggest some curious reflections." This was written some years ago, and the author may have revised his opinion since that time. We have not yet found those tailed men of Borneo, neither need it seem strange that a people who happen to fancy a tailless race of cats may also fancy a tailless race of fowls, and the peculiar cast of mind which would lead to the perpetuation of such a variation in the one case would also naturally lead to the preservation of a similar variation in the other should it arise. It is by no means certain that the loss of the tail in fowls may not have occurred at

different times and in different localities, in some of which it may have been carefully perpetuated, because thought worthy of preservation, while in others it may have been lost because deemed an unsightly deformity. It is a fact that fowls, very different in figure, size, markings, color and character of comb, possess this peculiarity. This may be due to indiscriminate crossing, or to different origins, or to a combination of both. It is not an argument to be relied upon as proving separate origins, although it is a fact which would follow from separate origins, and it is far from unreasonable to suppose that such an accidental variation may have occurred more than once in the centuries which have passed since the domestication of the wild *Gallus*. Indeed, the contrary supposition would be the more strained and unnatural.

Although Temminck held an erroneous opinion respecting the origin of this variety, he accurately described its peculiarities of structure. He says: "The distinctive characters of this species consist in the loss of the last vertebrae of the back, those that bear the fleshy protuberance termed the rump; the absence of these vertebrae is the natural cause of the cocks and the hens of this kind losing the feathers of the tail." Stated in popular language, there is the want of the final joint of the backbone and the loss of the "poor's nose," from which the tail in other varieties grows.

Beyond the absence of the tail, the Rumpless fowl possesses no true type. All colors, all figures, and combs of various characters appear. The cock possesses true hackles upon the neck and saddle, the saddle feathers curling down in a peculiar manner. From the peculiar formation of the saddle, copulation is rendered somewhat uncertain, and breeders find it necessary to remove some of these feathers from the hen to insure the fertility of the eggs.

Concerning the uncertainty of their breeding, Mr. Hewitt speaks as follows: "It is difficult to breed them to any particular color, as with the most rigid care in the selection of the brood stock, the chickens sport into nearly every variety of marking and ground-color. The only birds of this kind that I ever knew to breed truly—so far as color was considered—were purely white ones; they were by far the prettiest collection of Rumpless fowls that ever came under my notice. They were all white, without exception, and every bird had a somewhat small, single comb. Like this variety generally, they were good layers and sat well. The wattles were very compact, and the legs and feet were of a rather heavy, bony appearance, the color being white. This strain of Rumpless fowls originally came from the Isle of Man. From this island I have known others introduced into the Liverpool market that were quite black; others a beautiful fawn, and likewise several lots irregularly speckled, and, indeed, without possessing any characteristic whatever, except being rumpless. Extraordinary differences in point of size exist in these fowls; some specimens range as heavily as six and a half to seven pounds each; others do not exceed two and a half or three pounds. Some have small lark-crests; others—and these constitute the majority—have none. As usually met with, they appear to possess no distinguishing mark-

mation of comb; rosy, cupped, and flat combs being equally prevalent. There is, therefore, no positive standard that can be laid down as the peculiarities of this variety, save the one to which their name refers. The size of the eggs varies proportionately with that of the hens by which they are produced; they are white, and somewhat larger than might have been anticipated. I now proceed to mention a still more perplexing proof of their versatility of character: A friend of mine purchased a successful pen at a poultry show, taking them away to a walk where no other fowls ever trespassed; and yet the chickens were, in a considerable number of instances, furnished with fully developed tail feathers, being not rumpless. On inquiry of the previous owner, he stated, 'Mine have always done so from the time I first kept them; but the tailed birds will very probably produce rumpless chickens.' Three such birds were then purposely retained; and they produced the next year more than twenty youngsters; all of which, but one, were rumpless and destitute of tail-feathers. The white ones I have before alluded to, occasionally produced chickens that were not rumpless, but only rarely. I believe Rumpless fowls to be hardy, as even in exposed situations, on the sides of Welsh mountains, they continue in good health and prosper well, even in cases where the fowls at all times shift for themselves, and but slight attention is shown to the chickens. I can willingly add my testimony, likewise, to the good quality of a Rumpless fowl on the dinner table, the flesh being abundant, white, firm, and of good flavor."

We extract from Wright's Illustrated Book of Poultry the following description from the pen of Mrs. Coathupe of a variety of Rumpless fowls, exhibited by Mr. Henry Higgs, of Lewes, a number of years ago, at the Birmingham Show, under the name of Gondooks:

"They were most handsome fowls, being a shiny black, quite rumpless, with a metallic lustre running through their feathers, especially those of the cock bird. They had top-knots on their heads, and very short legs, heavily feathered. I only purchased them of Mr. Higgs in October, when they were the greatest beauties, and the cock such a spirited bird; but to my great regret he was taken suddenly in February and died. Neither of the hens had laid during that time. I tried in vain to procure another cock, but was told the breed was quite extinct in Turkey, whence, I believe, they were imported. After this misfortune the two hens were mated with a Golden Poland cock, and they laid well and their offspring were rumpless; but of course nothing like what the pure breed would have been. The two hens were remarkably healthy, and lived on for years."

This description is supplemented by the following from Mr. Hewitt: "They were," he says, "small fowls, not larger than a Pencilled Hamburg, but thoroughly black; Dorking-toed, black-legged, booted, falcon-hocked, rumpless, crested like Creves, and bearded. These fowls stood as upright as the Penquin duck, in fact as erect as a hawk, yet were singularly lively in their motions, and though strictly rumpless, were as opposed in their action to all other rumpless fowls as could well be imagined. It was their

constant restlessness, combined with a remarkably iridescent plumage, that marked them as being one of the most distinct varieties of poultry I ever saw. I have not any doubt, could three like them be shown now-a-days, they would quickly be claimed at almost any price."

Those who visited the last Madison Garden exhibition in New York City saw a very beautiful pair of White Rumpless fowls, a little larger than Leghorns, with nearly faultless single combs and almost perfect symmetry. We have seldom seen a finer pair of this variety, and they were marked sold, early in the exhibition.

Mr. Tegetmeier closes his chapter upon this variety in the following words: "There can be no difficulty whatever in rearing specimens of almost any breed without a tail. Some years since, the editor had in his possession a specimen of a tailless crested bird, and from this hen, * * * he reared a number of Rumpless Polish, by mating her with a White Polish cock; some of the offspring were matched up with Golden Polish, and some very good Rumpless Gold Spangled chickens were the result. The strain was then given to a gentleman, who, though not an exhibitor, has amused himself in mating these Rumpless birds with other varieties; in this manner he has reduced their size very much, and has at present a pretty set of very small Rumpless Nankin Bantams, which are the greatest novelty we have ever seen in Rumpless breeds."

We need add nothing to the full account given by Mr. Hewitt concerning the economic qualities of this very peculiar breed. Although treated in this country merely as curiosities they are useful fowls of no mean rank.

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By "A Believer in Eggs," in Pigeons and Poultry, England.

During the last few weeks a lot of good humoured nonsense has been written about eggs, and what they are supposed to have done for the Cambridge crew. So strong a hold has the egg theory taken on the popular imagination, that on the Thames side on the race day, fresh hard boiled eggs were being hawked with the hundred and one other things which one could buy from the peripatetic street vendors of London for a penny a time. At Easter time eggs come in for more than the ordinary amount of notice, because of the vogue of the Easter eggs of the confectionery world, which have quite usurped the old-fashioned plan of giving children hard boiled eggs, which had been stained different colours by boiling them in water containing dyes of various hues, or in coloured rags.

Eggs, like many other things which are good, have the halo of antiquity surrounding them. The Egyptians considered the egg the symbol of the renovation of mankind after the Deluge, the Jews view it as the emblem of their departure from Egypt, whilst to the Christian it has ever been emblematic of the Resurrection. In mediaeval times it used to be the custom to present to all in the monasteries, or who came to them on Easter Day, with an egg. This was called the Peace Egg, and was accompanied by the blessing, "Pax Vobiscum," from the monk making the offering. The early Persians used to present each

other with coloured eggs at the vernal equinox to celebrate the triumph of the sun over the winter's darkness.

Although some twaddle has been written about the use of eggs by the Cambridge crew, good will be certain to result therefrom, because the public attention has been drawn in a most forcible manner to the value of eggs as an article of diet.

It is not generally known that a raw egg is a most excellent appetiser, and a powerful restorative for a fagged brain and nerves. A whipped or beaten egg with a glass of milk and a dash of whiskey or sherry is most refreshing. I prefer it without sugar, but those who have a sweet tooth may sweeten it to suit their palate. There are two ways of beating an egg, even as there are two ways of doing most things—the right and the wrong. The wrong is to beat both white and yolk of the egg together at the same time. The right way is to separate the yolk and white, beat both separately, then mix them, and add the milk, etc., stirring well the whole time. Made in this fashion egg flip is most delightful, drinking much more smoothly than when the egg is beaten in the wrong way. It is but a trifling detail, but the trifles make up life.

Those of my readers who like to do a bit of gardening in the morning before the breakfast hour, or who take an early morning spin, should try the sustaining power of an egg prepared in the manner just mentioned, or if they care not for milk and alcohol, they may break the egg into a cup, put a pinch of pepper and salt, a dash of vinegar or Worcester sauce, and they have a tasty and sustaining morsel that not the finest native oyster can surpass. Many there are who delight in early rising, yet are deterred therefrom because they must have something to stay the stomach till breakfast time, and they hate the bother of heating water, milk, etc., to make a cup of tea, coffee or chocolate, to say nothing of cutting the necessary accompanying bread and butter. A single egg is quite sufficient in the ordinary way, but if one has to go through any violent exercise, or wait a long time for breakfast, then a couple of eggs may be taken in which ever of the two ways appeals to the senses most.

Eggs are one of the most valuable articles of diet known to our English tables, and weight for weight the most nourishing of any animal food. Much, however, of their nourishing and appetising qualities are lost in the manner in which they are prepared. Some years ago when on the Continent I was given a breakfast of three eggs poached in milk and served with it. They were just set as was the milk in which they were poached and I never enjoyed a dish of eggs more in my life. I have often had an encore of that dish since. To prepare eggs in this manner an enamel pan should be used, and there should be just enough milk to float the eggs as they are broken into it, a pinch of salt, and a small piece of butter should be added to the milk, and then the pan should be set over the gas stove for about 150 seconds. They should be brought direct from the stove to the table in the enamel pan.

There is much art in cooking eggs properly, and they well repay the time spent in acquiring the art. Eggs do not improve by keeping before they are cooked, and they certainly do not

after. An egg should be served and eaten immediately it comes off the fire, if one is to appreciate its delicious flavour, and receive the full benefit of its nutritive properties. Many people there are who say they cannot take eggs. It is because they never know the pleasure of having them properly cooked and served. Of foods rich in nutriment there is none more easily digested than a raw or properly cooked egg.

Some may wonder why such an effusion as this finds a place in the columns of "Pigeons and Poultry." Anything which tends to popularise eggs as an article of diet must both directly and indirectly benefit our poultry breeders, and this is my excuse for inflicting such upon my readers.

Secretary Orr in a Smashup.

Beaver, Pa., June 6.—T. E. Orr, of College avenue, with some Pittsburg friends had an unpleasant experience last evening on Third street near the P. & L. E. Railroad station. City Treasurer Steele, of Pittsburg, Joseph P. Hildorfer a noted poultryman, of Allegheny, J. R. Miller, of Pittsburg, and E. H. Selden, of Verona, were spending the day with Mr. Orr and were in two top buggies hurrying before an approaching storm for the 5:08 train on the P. & L. E. Railroad. A street car was standing on the south track at East End avenue, and Mr. Orr who was driving the front rig started across the tracks above the car to get into the station never thinking of a car coming east on the north track as the rule is for cars to run on the right hand track. The buggy too was closed in with curtains, no bell was sounded and the result was a collision. The buggy which belonged to Neely was badly wrecked, and the three gentlemen sent sprawling on the brick pavement.

When they realized what had happened Mr. Orr was sitting astride Mr. Steel who discovered that our eminent poultryman was a heavy-weight in more sense than one. Fortunately none of the gentlemen were seriously hurt although they are rubbing their bruises with witch hazel and arnica today. Mr. Orr pluckily held onto the horse until assistance came.

Feathered "Stowaways."

One of the strangest stories ever told of nesting-places chosen by birds comes from Stuttgart. A Newcastle Chronicle correspondent states that a pair of red-throats have built their nest in a goods wagon on the railway between Marbach and Heilbronn. It contains four eggs, upon which the female is now brooding. The curious part of the story is that the wagon is in daily use, either in transit or in loading or unloading. The male bird feeds his mate, flying to and from the truck while in motion, and, unlike some human travellers who pay for their tickets, he has never been known to miss his train. The starting signal invariably finds him at his post near the nest.

Short Tips.

Be awake to the times.
Time waits for no one.
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A dollar spent now may bring two later on.
The harvest time of the business is at hand.



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Mr. Edward Brown arrived in New York, from England, June 11, and started immediately for Washington, D. C., where, after a few days stay, he began his tour of the United States for the purpose of studying the large poultry plants, especially those devoted to the production of eggs and meat. Mr. Brown is a noted writer and lecturer on poultry topics on the other side of the briney deep, but is better known in this country as "Stephen Beale," whose contributions to the Country Gentleman in the past decade were widely read and appreciated. His poultry book also enjoyed a large sale in the United States.

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Two rival poultry organizations in Atlanta, Ga., with the treasurer of the Atlanta Poultry Association as vice-president of the new Piedmont Poultry Association, is the rather novel situation in the beautiful Southern metropolis. What has caused this split-up in the ranks of Atlanta fanciers, even Editor Reils, of the Southern Fancier, is at loss to understand. One annual show in a city like Atlanta is an elegant sufficiency; two held in the same month, or even season, will prove suicidal and disrupt the fancy in that section. Atlanta fanciers united into one well organized poultry and pigeon club should make both the big fall and winter shows second to none in the South.

Mr. W. C. Denny, the noted judge of Buff Rocks and Wyandottes, and former secretary of the American Buff Plymouth Rock Club writes: "I want to congratulate all who are connected with The American Fancier, on the earnest work that is being done and the results that are being accomplished. Again, on the other hand, I think the men and women poultry fanciers of this country should congratulate themselves, that the eagle is screaming from its rightful perch, the first city in the land, New York. May its career continue a marked success." The fact that the real fanciers are appreciating the efforts of the management to give to them a weekly poultry newspaper is becoming more in evidence every week. They are extending the glad hand all along the line, and even in the dull season now at hand, brings indications every day from well known fanciers that they are "wid us" in our efforts to give them the class of reading most desired by them. Mr. Denny's remarks are encouraging, coming as they do, from a fancier of long experience who has had abundant opportunities to observe closely the doings of the poultry fanciers and the growth of the poultry papers. Notwithstanding the numerous low priced monthly poultry publications, there is a rapidly growing class of fanciers that are only too willing to pay one dollar a year for a paper that tries to keep them posted week after week on all matters relating to standardbred poultry in this and other countries. Circulation has increased largely among the best fanciers, not only at home but abroad. The fraternal feeling existing among the best breeders of fine fowls is a fine "pusher" for the paper that pleases them. The fancy is peculiar; step on the corn of one good fellow and the injury is felt by others of the same stamp; treat him well and respect his fad, and hundreds of others will feel it and act accordingly. There

is no other hobby, fancy or fad like it. Many true and lasting friendships have been made at poultry shows, that rarely, if ever, find their birth at other live-stock shows.

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Our handsome and esteemed contemporary, Poultry, will give up its classified advertisements in the near future, believing the latter to take up the space for display ads. Personally, we cannot agree with our Western brother. The classified columns represent in many papers, and in English publications especially, the announcements of the majority of the best fanciers in the business. It is not the big display advertisement always that proves the superiority of the advertiser as a breeder or as a patron; many of the smaller fellows are there with the goods in a six line ad. They advertise within their means, and usually stay in the fancy long after some of the "big guns" have been dead and buried to the poultry world. Intelligent fanciers and readers of the high-class poultry papers are not to be humbugged by big ads and insincere puffs or write-ups. Mr. D. Lincoln Orr has a very readable article touching on some of these write-ups, in this issue. The candor and truth it contains makes it very opportune reading in these rare days of June.

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When an English paper can print over three thousand classified ads in one issue, it speaks well for the fancy in the tight little island across the sea. It indicates the great importance of the fancy and illustrates the widespread character of its followers. The little fellow has the same show as the "big un," and that is what makes business for both. The big fish do not swallow up the small fry, and if one of the timid and small exhibitors in old England happens to land a big plum at a large show, he will get full credit for it. It's the bird, not the man, that a fair poultry journal is in duty bound to recognize.

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The judges at the Auburn (N. Y.) Show, where the American Poultry Association will hold its annual meeting the same week, are as follows: T. E. Orr, T. F. Rigg, Eugene Sites, Newton Cosh, M. S. Gardner, H. J. Quilhot, Clarence King, M. Davenport and Henry Trafford.

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The dates of the great Hagerstown Fair have been selected and are: October 9, 10, 11 and 12. Mr. B. A. Betts will be in charge of the poultry department, with the experienced and able secretary, W. F. Spahr, in charge of the clerical force. The same combination did excellent work last year and will be prepared to handle another big show next fall in the most approved style. The judges will be: G. O. Brown, J. H. Drevenstedt, D. A. Nichols, J. F. Craugle, W. J. Stanton, Chas. McClave, W. C. Denny and W. G. Minich. The above have judged there before, except the latter. "Hamburg Bill" Minich will handle the Games and Game Bantams, and this should please the exhibitors of the latter varieties, as the warrier from Carlisle, Pa., is at home when handling these breeds, having bred and exhibited them for many years. We understand that ribbons will take the place of souvenir premium cards this season, a change that will please many exhibitors.

We regret to learn of the death of W. E. Richmond, at his home in Buffalo, N. Y., last week. "Gene" Richmond, as he was known to his friends, was one of the most liberal patrons of the American fancy. Whole-souled, genial, generous to a fault, he did everything in business and poultry life in the most broad and liberal manner. The last Buffalo Show was a fine illustration of Mr. Richmond's methods and character. Former exhibitions in that city were not financial successes as a rule. In order to make a show a "go" there, "Gene" Richmond put up a certified check of three thousand dollars in one of the banks of Buffalo to apply to the running of big exhibitions of which he was the instigator. And the visiting fanciers and judges will never forget his kindness and liberality on that occasion. Mr. Richmond has been in poor health for the past five years and spent much of his time on his fine farm at Hamburg, N. Y., where his horses and fowls furnished him much enjoyment. The entire stock of choice fowls are offered for sale without reserve, as will be seen by the announcement of Richmond Poultry Farm advertisement on another page of this issue of The American Fancier. Mr. George N. Burgott, the well known judge, and old friend of Mr. Richmond, will personally look after the shipping of the birds sold. This is a good and favorable opportunity to secure some choice birds at very reasonable prices.

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Judge D. P. Shove, Fall River, Mass., stopped a few hours at The American Fancier office while on a visit to little old New York, to talk about Rhode Island Reds. From what Mr. Shove told us, we learn that the demand for good Reds is very large, and the newcomers in the poultry world are enjoying a splendid popularity. Everything seems to be quiet and harmonious in the Red camp now and the good work of bringing the Reds up to the highest standard of perfection goes on without any interruption. A new edition of Red Tales will soon be issued and promises to be very interesting to the lovers of the Reds.

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The revelations made regarding ing putrid meats, "embalmed beef," doctored hams and the ingredients of bologna sausages have opened people's eyes to a danger more real than apparent. Hot frankfurters of the Coney Island brand have always been under suspicion and a tale under the caption, "The Mysterious Links," would prove mighty interesting, if not pleasurable reading. Upton Sinclair's book, "The Jungle," did "stir the animals up," not only the four-legged kind, but the human, or, rather inhuman, bipeds that were guilty of juggling with food products that make up the staple diet of hundreds of wage-earners. The wealthy can select their meats; the poor get it selected for them. We regret to learn that even the American hen has been used when out of condition, to make up canned products labeled "Chicken." At least we are told so in some of the yellow journals. We had an idea that much of the so-called canned chicken (the cheap brands) were made up of veal that had not reached the legal age required by law when exposed for sale. Belgian Hare meat has been used as a substitute for chicken. That is probably the reason the Belgian boom has been tin-canned from public

view. Belgian Hares properly fed furnish very good meat, but the latter is not chicken by a mile or so. Still in this grafting and strenuous age, everything is canned, and the label on the can is a very apt partner in the deal. It covers up a multitude of faked products and as a liar is both unequalled and unpunishable.

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There is a new game on at Washington now, and it is in connection with the Pure Food Bill pending before Congress. The whole-souled and unselfish manufacturers of food products ask that pound packages contain one-third less than a pound, and two pound packages one and one-third pound instead of the regular and accepted pound prescribed by law. This will make coal dealers—not all, but a good many of the latter—smile. A ton of coal has been a standing joke the same as a cake of ice. The dealers who deliver 2,000 pounds of coal or one hundred pounds of ice is a rara avis. A friend of ours bought a carload of coal at gross tonnage. The latter showed twenty-eight tons on railroad bill of lading. The dealer's invoice was for thirty-five tons! Guess we're up against it, but "what's the use?" as Mr. D. Lincoln Orr would say. This shortness of weight practice is very catching. It may affect other lines of merchandise and the chicken raiser who buys grain and feed is apt to be suspicious when such little slips as "ninety pounds" instead of one hundred pounds are discovered. Short weights are not frequent, however, in the feed business; it is more in the adulteration of the made products that the skinning process is used. Some years ago a certain prepared grain food for chickens was ballasted to the hundred mark with white sand, but the experienced chicken raiser was not to be fooled and preferred to buy one hundred pounds of cereals instead of eighty or ninety of the latter at the same price. Still there were enough suckers that kept the dealer, who made this stuff, in ready money for a few years, when the quality of the feed became too well known to sell it any longer.

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There is only one safe way in buying grain or feed. Deal with reputable dealers only. The feed men advertising in The American Fancier are the best in the country. They have reputations for square dealing and are careful to maintain the good will of their customers. It may be that they charge a trifle more for good grain and feed, but the best is the cheapest of all.

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It is about time for some new government reports on feeding hens. The farmers of Podunk, Tribe's Hill, Yaphank, Oshkosh, and other hen centers are getting in training, studying up on pro tem, carbo-hydrates and other strange and awful scientific terms, in order to understand the learned reports more intelligently. The old hen will keep on laying eggs all the same, with "Jest corn and a little wheat middlin's in the mornin'!"

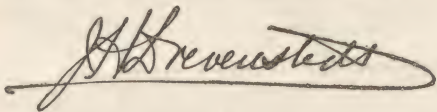
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On another page of this issue we give an illustration of Mr. Breitwieser's Silver Spangled Hamburgs; also, a picture of the owner. The latter has bred Hamburgs and Barred Plymouth Rocks for the past thirty years. Until five years ago he bred them for his own pleasure, but after

winning many prizes in both varieties, and there being a constant demand for eggs and stock, he concluded to open his yards to the public and has met with great success. Mr. Breitwieser is now associated with his three sons, Harvey, Roscoe Clay, and Raymond, in the poultry business. This is a combination that should prove a winner.

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That must be a new variety of Polish illustrated in the June issue of Feather. They look like Houdans.



TIMELY THOUGHTS.

(By D. Lincoln Orr.)

I just feel in the humor to write a few thoughts that I have collected the past few years. I have often said I would write them, and as often said I would not. "What's the use?"

The poultry industry is all right and the poultry press is nearly all right. The poultry breeders, poultry judges and poultry buyers are a good average aggregation of beings, but there are many things that ought not to be. I would call especial attention to the editors of the press. They make many statements out of the goodness of their hearts that they know are wrong or misleading, or they take the breeders' word for it. I recall a conversation with a beginner, a man with plenty of money, well educated, and whose father had a country home. This man had to leave the city on account of ill health, and thought he would take up poultry. It made no difference to him whether it paid or not, but he was anxious to make as good a showing as possible just to prove his ability in handling the business. After he got nicely started, he placed an "ad" in a leading poultry paper—a good display "ad," and in the same issue was a write-up of the plant, as to the man's reliability, stock, etc. Now, the fact is, the editor nor none of his representatives ever saw this man's plant or stock, and he told me that he could never have any faith in any write-ups he ever saw. It just made him sick. I ask all editors if it is right? A man comes to our mill and buys a ton of feed or a hundred bushels of oats. You can rest assured that he does not look for, neither does he get some extra goods. He gets what he pays for—that's all he wants, and all he has a right to expect. I understand perfectly that if a paper has a man on the road looking up business and writing about his travels, that at the same time, over half of these reports about Mr. So-and-So's stock are not exactly hewed to the line, being misleading and in many cases a downright lie. Still we breeders seem to demand it.

Another incident that happened within the past forty years, that roiled me up. A certain breeder sent quite a bunch to a prominent show and a second prize or two was the best he could land, although he is supposed to have the best in the country. Maybe he has, but at that particular show the judge did not think so. That's all right, but here comes the rub. "The Greatest Paper on Uncle Sam's Crust" in its report of that show concerning this certain breed, does nothing but eulogize this man and his birds; talks about his past winnings, his great stock, etc., etc., etc., and hardly mentions another breeder or

bird in the whole report. Now then, the editor did not make this report, but had a man fully qualified to write up the show. When I saw him, I said, "Look here, my dear fellow, how did you come to make such a report about a certain breed at the last show? The man you praised so highly got nothing higher than a second, had a big string, and it was not right." He said, in reply, "Link, I was ordered to do it by the editor." I was not through with that game, so the next time I saw the editor I went for him about it. He replied that he knew nothing about it and did not order the report to be written in any special way. When the report was received he had no time to look it over carefully, etc., etc.

"What's the use?" I am beginning to think that to make a success of selling poultry, get a big stock to sell, take big space in the leading journals, make a killing at New York, Boston or Chicago, ship your conscience to Greenland without a return ticket, and sail in. This is a pretty strong statement, but I'll stand by it. The editors seemingly are afraid to do what they know to be right. There is no one perfect in this good world of ours, so no one expects perfection, but there is no doubt we could make a better bluff at it than we do. I don't think any paper should put a write-up in unless it is paid for by the advertiser and marked "ad" or * * * unless it be editorially, and that from personal observation. I am sorry the Poultry Press Association petered out. It had a grand work to do, but 'tis said the good die young.

The poultry breeders are not entitled to halos or wings as a rule. I was much pleased at an article in the current issue of the Reliable Poultry Journal about this advertising business and misleading statements. If you will read the leading Barred Rock advertisements, it will be impossible to find out who won. Just look them over for fun, and if you will not smile, I'll treat. They are past masters in "ad" writing, but is it right? One of these breeders must certainly stand first. They all cannot win the cream; but one breeder can stand on the top rung. I have no one in mind. This is not personal. If the judge should tell me to plead, I would certainly have to say, in not a few cases, "Guilty!"

How is it that one breeder says, "I won the most coveted prize of first on cockerel." Another says, "The most important prize was won by my first pen." Next year they might reverse their winnings but they would still claim the most coveted prize. As near as I can judge, the most coveted prize is the one they happen to win. Eh?

I believe we are dead game sports, at that. Raise the entry fees, put on more judges, and not allow an exhibitor in the hall while judging, if possible. Many reports are current during a show about how exhibitors, in one way or another, try to get more than is coming to them; but, thanks to many of our judges, it don't work. "If I were King," I would not allow anyone, outside of my helper, to hang around while I was judging. It looks bad, but then, some of us are so greedy that we do not care a rap about how it looks, so long as we can win the blue.

I have just noticed that one journal is thinking about dropping the class advertisements. Evidently, he don't want any of the common people with him. Maybe he will spend a whole lot

of time and trouble giving someone a free write-up. I am a good deal of the opinion that the class "ads" have more honest breeders than the display. They may advertise eggs for a dollar per setting, but you, no doubt, will get your dollar's worth. How about your five and ten dollar settings? Speak gently, please, as the young King of Spain might think another bomb had exploded, if all spoke their minds at once.

Really, it is very interesting, though, and I hope that while I am allowed to live I shall always be able to keep "hens." I have made many good friends, and I presume others have done the same. I would like to have all editors run up here and see the most beautiful spot on earth, but want no write-up, not a word, because I feel they would in some way or another have to lie, and that I won't have them doing for me.

Why I Breed the Rose Comb Buff Leghorns.

By H. J. Fisk, Falconer, N. Y.

Those of us who are situated in the Eastern states know what we have to contend with during the long and severe winter months, and unless you have a very warm house you must expect frosted combs, and for me, I prepare a house with curtain front, where your birds can get all the fresh pure air needed, and by allowing plenty of that you have strong, hardy fowls, and do away with dampness, roup, etc., for we all know dampness is the root of all evil in the poultry business.

Now I find that under the same treatment I get better results and more eggs from my Rose Comb than from the Single Comb, and I have had one of the best laying strains in the Single Combs, and the only reason I can see from this that my fowls suffer from frosted combs, no matter how cold the weather is, and I seldom close the curtains only in case of high winds and storms.

Now I do not wish to say anything against the Single Comb Buffs, for I think they are one of the most beautiful fowls in our country to-day, and who can pass them by without a word of admiration, but I now breed the Rose Comb, for they give me better results, taking into consideration my surroundings, climate, etc.

Another thing in favor of the Buff Leghorns is the amount of eggs they will lay on comparatively half the feed it takes to keep the larger breeds, and as for broilers, they will put on the first pound or a pound and a half as soon as the larger breeds, and you can keep them in two-thirds the floor space, and get as good results. So I see no reason why we should keep a larger fowl (unless we want meat alone, then I would suggest keeping cattle).

I truly hope that all members of the American Buff Leghorn Club will do all in their power to put this breed to the front, and keep the show room well filled with our most beautiful fowls, the Buff Leghorns.

The Club has recently issued a neat 52-page catalogue, which should be in the hands of any poultry breeder just starting.

A One-Legged Sparrow.

A one-legged sparrow may frequently be seen in Battersea Park enjoying life, seemingly none the worse for its disability.

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The time is fast approaching when the fairs will have the classification and judges, in accordance with the twentieth century ideas. Pigeons shown in fairs, judged by a Plymouth Rock Specialist, will never attract a very high class entry. A few years past, it was comparatively easy for those, with one pair each of the fifty-seven varieties, to sweep the deck. Often this was accomplished with birds that the name of the variety had to be attached to the pen, otherwise we would never have known.

At such fairs as Trenton, New York State, Taunton, Brocton, Toronto and a few others that we cannot at present call to mind, will be poor exhibitions for hucksters to reap a harvest. Why? Because, owing to their methods, they have attracted a different class of fanciers.

The Inter-State Fair at Trenton N. J., will be held September 25-29, 1906, with Mr. T. Farrer Rackham at the helm. This will be good news to all those interested in this popular fall exhibition. The quality at Trenton has always been high class. The Pigeons are caged individually, liberal classification and prize money. Under the able guidance of Mr. Rackham we look for a record entry this season. The judges have not been named as yet, but will be published in the near future.

We publish in another column a reproduction of Mr. William Onink's White Fantail hen. This cut was received, but no letter accompanied it, neither was any name or address attached. But, being fortunate enough while in Buffalo last fall, to have an opportunity of looking over Mr. Onink's birds, we are sure we handled this bird. If we have made any mistake, we will have to apologize.

Mr. Onink has bred Fantails many years. In fact, all Fantail fanciers have had many years experience. Mr. Gilbert, the oldest breeder of Fans in America, and Jesse Rutter, bred in line for the past thirty-five strain, Jim Blair and "Sandy" Hay, well, they began in Scotland, can't say how many years, but a few we guess.

During the past six years our friend in Buffalo has imported at a great cost, some ideal specimens; also purchased many American winners. The

combination of those strains should put him very near the top in "Fantail Alley." Two years ago Mr. Onink made things extremely warm in Saddles, for Mr. Blair, and should he succeed in raising a pair this season, maybe the Challenge Cup will rest on some other cupboard than the old reliable from Yonkers.

The June issue of Poultry announces that beginning September 15th, they will publish a twenty-page monthly, the title of which will be Pigeons, devoted to the pigeon industry in all its branches, catering both to the Fancy and Squab Breeding. If followed on the same lines as Poultry, printed on the same quality of paper, Pigeons will, no doubt, prosper as does its older sister, Poultry. We wish this magazine every success in its new undertaking.



An Ideal Belgian Hare Head.

Among the new advertisers in this issue will be found the well known Oakland Pigeon Company. This concern makes a specialty of heavy squab breeders, Runts and Maltese Hen crosses. These varieties make a very desirable mating for squab breeding.

Mr. F. O. Congdon is offering a very fine lot of Homers for squab breeding. He raises a very heavy, good-sized strain. Homers are much sought after for squab breeding. It is simply useless to use the common pigeon for squabs. They are under weight and it is hard to obtain a market for such quality of birds.

The Runt-Homer cross is desirable and is used by many large plants.

In speaking of squab breeding, it is a business in itself, and has attracted the attention of thousands. A well managed squab plant is indeed a well paying proposition, but like all other business must be properly managed if success is to be obtained.

In conversation with a prominent breeder of pigeons, he asked: "Why don't you publish an article on canker; also, the cause of this dreaded disease among pigeons, so prevalent at this time of the year." At present this gentleman has three cases, and last season was practically cleaned out of his young stock by this disease. In



White Fantail, Owned by William J. Onink, Buffalo, N. Y.

looking over the lofts, the cause is readily seen—over-crowding. The young birds are in entirely too close quarters, and have not the room for proper exercising and bathing. These are two very important necessities to successful pigeon raising.

Canker is a most contagious disease, and great damage can be done by allowing the birds to remain in the flock. When a youngster is noticed with this disease, it should be immediately separated from its companions, and placed in a secluded pen for treatment.

If the fancier has not ample accommodations, better destroy his wasters than run the risk of an epidemic. Some will say it is impossible to tell such, at this time of the year. That may be the case in some instances, but generally a weakling, or a mis-marked youngster is easily noticed.

Canker is a disease, which, if hereditary, we would advise destroying the afflicted birds, and separate the parents. If such is not the case, and this can be easily traced by keeping a close watch, to see from what birds these cankerous youngsters are bred, we would separate to a pen for treatment.

Remove all the canker—(cheesy matter)—with a small pointed stick, and wash the afflicted parts with a mild solution of salt water. Then take a pinch of burnt alum and apply to the sore. This generally reduces the cankerous matter and facilitates healing.

The pigeon house may be well constructed, and the inmates well selected and properly mated, but no success can be expected, unless proper kinds of feed are procured, and the birds regularly fed. Never feed from hop-

pers, but feed from hand twice a day, in the early morning and again late in the afternoon.

Quite frequently, when the parent birds are not properly fed, the squabs die in the nest, from no apparent cause. It is simply starvation.

Always feed in the loft and not in the aviary. The heavy dew and hot nights will cause the feed to sour.

The cost of feeding pigeons is indeed very little, about one to one and one-half cents per week.

A mild solution of bichloride of mercury is a fine lotion to apply on external parts for canker.

Leg weakness often attacks squabs just leaving the nest. A good treatment is to rub the legs with a mixture of turpentine, vinegar and white of an egg.

Cod liver oil can be easily given in the ordinary five grain capsule and is a great toner.

A good plan to pull out the tail feathers of a moping bird.

Hen Twenty-four years Old. (Pigeons and Poultry).

Messrs. G. and J. Smith, of Dragoon and Exhibition Flying Homer fame, write:—"It may interest you and other fanciers to know that I think we have almost a record for age in a breeding hen. We don't know her exact age, but it is a Homer that belonged to a neighbour. When he left here he sold all his birds to a party for a shooting match, and she evidently was too quick for the gun, as she came back and settled down with our birds at liberty. She has been in our possession ever since he left the premises, and the present occupier bought them twenty-three years ago next July, so she is, at least, twenty-four years old, and might have been more than one year old when we had her. She bred with us for ten years, and then stopped and was used as a barren hen for a feeder for a few years. About three years ago she took to laying again and has continued. She has bred this year, and is at present bringing up a young Carrier. She is now being driven to nest again. Can any other fancier relate such a record?"

Pigeon Notes.

Sunshine.
Is a tonic.
Pigeons hate cold.
Mate healthy birds.
Mixed grains are the best.
Squabs are dainty eating.
Keep the loft sweet and clean.
The Homer is gaining laurels.
When possible let the birds fly.
Good feed is cheap at any price.
Don't worry the birds when on eggs.
Odd birds should be taken from the loft.

Dark-colored birds should be the Dark-colored birds are best for the city lofts.

Have nests a little distance from each other to avoid the cocks fighting. When youngsters are able to care for themselves they should be put in a separate loft.

A. T. Stewart said: "Frequent and constant advertising brought me all I own." Mr. Stewart owned a lot of deal too.

COLUMBIAN WYANDOTTES.

By Edgar E. McIntosh, Secretary National Columbian Wyandotte Club.

I haven't seen much about the Columbians in your paper this season. I suppose that everyone was so busy filling egg orders that they had no time to talk. It has been so in my case, and from what I hear from some of the large breeders, they have had lots of business. It seems that the big showing of Columbians at Madison Square last January, surprised and convinced a great many, for the quality was certainly a big jump in one year, and as we hear the same reports from the West, it looks as if they had taken root after a good deal of hard work of a few good old-fashioned fanciers. Surely they never had any millionaire's thousands to boom them.

From the start they have been in the hands of the poor men, men that work for a living and worked at great odds, sometimes putting more money in a few birds than they could ever expect to see again, for there was no boom to reap big returns. They have been gaining steadily and honestly, as few varieties can claim. They have been in the hands of a class of fanciers that were not easily discouraged, and cared more for quality than quantity; and here is where the sure foundation was laid: In my opinion the worth of Columbian Wyandottes, both for fancy and practical purposes can never be equalled. They will be bred as long as fancy poultry is bred for market, for meat and eggs. To be sure, one has got to select for these, as he has for show purposes, but no other breed or variety I know of will come nearer all purposes than the Columbian Wyandotte. This may seem strange, but right here at home this breed is ahead of any for dressed poultry and nice eggs. Surely they don't fill the bill everywhere and, with everybody, for I have selected closer perhaps than most breeders could afford to do. I raised about for seven years from 50 to 100 chicks and selected about 12 good females, each year setting nothing but good eggs in size, color and shape, even when a white shelled bird would come from them. This dark shell straining of a breed is a hard task as most of us know. But a breed isn't worth much now-a-days without the combinations, show and practical qualities. Now that the foundation is laid, and laid well, it seems as if the most earnest work is accomplished, but not so. For the future has got to be looked after with more zeal than ever. The number of new breeders starting in with them this season is something wonderful as well as encouraging. I have heard of so many big fanciers and prominent judges taking them up as this season, and more stock and eggs being shipped, makes more culls and they are apt to be worked off at some price, my rule and advice is however, to kill off such specimens and demand bigger prices for your good ones. Now they are in the Standard, the competition is going to be very keen in our shows and this is another good deed recorded. All shows now will make a class for them, and make a few owners Blue Ribbon Winners go wild or foolish as it seems sometimes. This claiming "best in the world" or "best in the country" or "best bird in show" isn't always true even if they won the Blue, for everyone can't see things alike. The day has gone by when one man's opinion law and Gospel, and besides no one

knows until he has met all the birds and competed with them in strong competition, that he has the best. So go easy and advertise just what you have and just what you won and claim nothing you can't prove and the public will do the thinking for you and have more respect for you. Your stock and eggs have got to reproduce themselves or your claim is N. G. I know and everybody knows or ought to know that every bird will not reproduce themselves every time. True, they will produce something at a certain per cent. and sometimes way ahead of themselves, and if a customer gets your stock they look for the best according to your wording in your advertising matter, not caring how it is hurting the breed, as long as they get the trade. I believe in advertising for what we have got to and ought to, but do it with a good intent, for you will sooner or later find that you are fooling nobody but yourself. Don't send out printed matter with hackles, tail and combs better than grows on a Light Brahma for no one with any knowledge will believe it. Shape isn't so far thought of as color. The time is here when we have got to look to color for we are after color now.

The price paid for Columbians are big, the first cockerel at Madison Square Garden selling for \$200 and many a setting of eggs sold this season for \$20; more for \$10; and more for \$5. Which is right? Some breeders have got to ask more for eggs than other, and as one has his choice as far as this egg selling goes. But don't expect to get just as good for \$.50 or \$1.00 as you would get for \$3, \$5, or \$10, because the stock came from \$20 eggs. Knowledge of mating and pedigree counts. You may get a good one sometimes, but if you want the good, buy good stuff. Don't expect to win every time, even if you bought high priced eggs, for there is an art in fitting for the show. If you don't believe it, ask the old show men and judges. Don't think because the Columbians are in the hands of a few breeders that you will have no show to win. For you may spring a surprise on them as well as yourself. I hear a great deal about this "Ring business." I used to think it so myself before I began to show, but I soon found I was mistaken. Surely Judges make a mistake sometimes as well as ourselves.

If it is convenient to visit the yards of some breeders of Columbians, better do so and have the best one pointed out to you. Even better, visit all yards you can. By doing this, you learn more than any other way and you see how they run for evenness. Don't expect to get all good birds from eggs you buy, for the breeder doesn't himself and no matter how well you try to please your customers you will find some you cannot please. Do what you may, it is hard to take a rasping, but when you have done everything possible and acted in good faith, and then take a rasping it is tough, but we find two sides to each story and it is well to hear both sides before deciding. Even then be cautious. I think I have given a warning, as I call it, for we may be close together some time. We may meet at some show and then we want to meet like fanciers, not breeders.

It is known by most fanciers that there was a Columbian Wyandotte Club formed at Madison Square Garden January 4, 1906. Not much has been heard about it since that time,

but I will say for the benefit of the members and all who wish to know, that we have more than doubled our membership. We have 49 members now which I think is doing well considering the Specialty Clubs on the market to-day, for not every one of the breeders of Columbians feels as though he can join every club that comes along. We are looking for a good membership however this winter; we want members, but we want good ones. We want to make this the best Specialty Club yet formed. When we get our by-laws we want to make them right and live by them. We want no red tape, but good, honest live and let live rules. We have a good set of fanciers on the Executive Committee. I hope this club will make one rule and that is that the President, Secretary and Treasurer must not judge at any shows. This may seem hard, but it is a great injury to the club to have it so. It looks good on paper and sounds good to have the name of the President, Secretary or Treasurer to officiate at a large show, but I hope this rule will be adopted and pushed in our club. We want this club to be the club we started in to have, and with our men at the head, I think we shall succeed.

I will say for the benefit of all interested that the breeding season has been a busy one to this committee and that later on hope to get our club into shape and that the Secretary and Treasurer is ready to receive new members, by sending \$2.00 for membership fee and dues in advance up to January 1, 1907. I also hope the club will make a nice Club Special at Madison Square, Boston and Chicago, to be competed for by membership exhibitors only. Also specials at shows when an entry will warrant the giving of one. This is something I have no power to do but hope it will come to pass and I know the breeders are looking forward to such a one, and when we get out a catalogue we want it more useful than ornamental.

I have the breed and club at heart, and want both to be carried along on good, honest principles. I am not rasping any particular breeder or breeders, but am only asking not to misrepresent the Columbians by flashy cuts and ads. The Columbians were not made in a hurry. The very best specimens were used in making this strain of Columbians—great care has always been used. Whatever has been done outside of my work I am not responsible for, but I have never used anything but Light Brahmas and White Wyandottes. I have seen Columbians made in one year from Silver Laced Wyandottes and White Plymouth Rocks. Also Columbian on White Wyandottes, but have never seen these crosses carried to any extent. It may be a surprise to some to know that the first Columbians were a cross of a Barred Rock on White Wyandotte by

the Rev. B. M. Briggs, the gentleman who gave them their name, and the one we ought to honor. But no cross did or ever will stand perfectly like the Light Brahma-White Wyandotte, and strange as it may seem, the White Wyandotte was used only on the first cross. The Light Brahma has been introduced twice since the first cross, once in 1901, and again in 1905. I believe in a few years there will be as many strains of Columbians as there are breeders. But my advice to breeders is to improve the strain we have, for it is no easy task to work out a strain; we have, and have it right. There are some good breeders enough in the country to start from, and while you are perfecting them your time is going but I believe there is room for any new strains. The future looks good for the Columbians. I don't want anyone to think I am the only one that has Columbians for I know better, and besides I don't want to be, for if I had "thousands" I couldn't supply the demands, and what good would it do me to be the only one. The more breeders, the more they are worth, so you have a choice of a number of good breeders to buy from. All I wish is to encourage the breeding of them and the club. As I am Secretary-Treasurer I can't do it all or reach all breeders, so I make an appeal to all members of the club to get all good new members to join. We want every one that joins to join with a good will, and for the best interests of both breed and club. It may be of interest to some to know that we have our members living in California, one in Florida and a number in the far West. I think it the duty of the breeders of Columbians to write of the breed in our poultry journals as it is time the Columbians were having their share of attention in our poultry journals. We have some good men that can do it, too.

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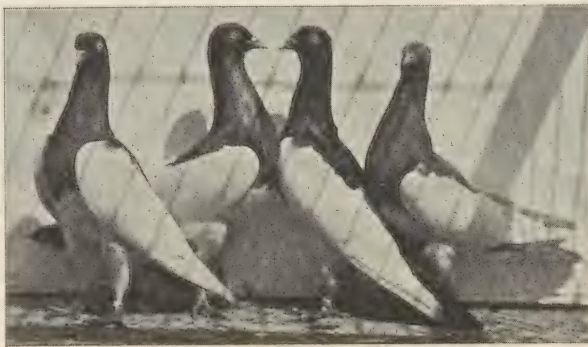
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Farm, Field and Garden

BY G. O. BROWN

What do you raise timothy for? Home use, or to sell? An authority, in an agricultural exchange, advises that it should be cut as soon as the heads are in full bloom if it is intended for home consumption; then you will have "nice, green, sweet-smelling hay, without much dust or lint." When it is to go to market, "allow it to get quite ripe before the cutting begins." This is the plan generally followed on most hay farms. The poor city horse must eat the over-ripe, woody fibre hay, which the maturing seeds have drawn all the substance from, and for the "lint and dust" no charge is made, besides it has value by weight. City horsemen will get wise after a while—then there will be a demand for good hay.

Make all the hay and forage you can. Don't be afraid of getting too much, says Southern Ruralist, but while you are doing this be sure to have some good steers and milch cattle to consume it. Be a manufacturer and manufacture the raw products of your farm into the concentrated forms of beef and pork, poultry, butter and eggs. This leaves all the manure on the farm to be used for soil enrichment, to grow larger crops to be again manufactured. That's the secret of profitable farming and that's the kind of farming the South needs today. It has a great sufficiency of the other kind.

Chase from your farm, properly advises the New York Farmer, the vagrant lunatic with the gun, who "is out for sport" and who considers it "sport" to shoot robins, swallows, plover, snipe and other birds. The birds are your friends. Protect them. The fools with the guns are your foes. Drive them off your farm. Don't be too gentle with them, either. It will do them good; it will give them real "sport" to get off your premises at a double-quick pace.

"It is the small farm well tilled,
That will keep the barn well filled."

Small farms and intensive farming is becoming popular, because greater profits result with less effort and expense. The farmer who has time to do everything thoroughly gets better results in both yield and quality than the farmer who has more than he can attend to properly.

Summer time, and when a dry time is prevailing is the best time to dig drain ditches. Get rid of the marshy lands and have in their stead lands rich in vegetable mold—and have crop producing fields where an eyesore now prevails.

The potato beetle has twenty-five parasitic enemies, yet he is as difficult to kill as a cat. Even with the paris green and other poison remedies they are in some sections very destructive. As it is the second crop that is so destructive, probably the better plan is to pick off the leaves that contain the clusters of eggs and burn them. The eggs are in clusters on the underside of the potato leaves, and their

yellowish red color makes them quite conspicuous to good eyes.

As cabbages will grow at quite a low temperature, they are naturally one of the first plants to put out in the early spring, and while for some time the appearances may not seem to show any leaf growth, nevertheless, they are forming roots, and as soon as the sunshine begins to warm up the air they will soon respond in a vigorous and healthy growth.

A London law that is found of great convenience to milkmen of questionable honesty, is one allowing the cow that produced the inferior milk to be brought into court and milked before the judge, and so prove that the poor milk was the cow's fault. Many milkmen had thus evaded fines, and it was learned that one cow famous for poor milk could be hired for court purposes.

Harford County (Md.) farmers have sent to New Jersey for one million tomato plants. Their first planting out was killed by Jack Frost and their second planting out was driven into the ground by hail. Tomatoes will be high this season. Harford County cans more tomatoes than any other county in the U. S.

In some parts of Maryland the automobiles are so much of a dangerous menace in the farming regions that the farmers declare that between automobiles and good roads, they rather have bad roads. Chickens, dogs, etc., are killed on the roads by the autos, and human lives are in danger from the same source, and the horses are also frightened by them.

To be Remembered.

It pays to feed in a trough or on a floor. If fed on the ground a hog will get too much sand.

Good corn silage is highly relished by stock and is an economical food for fattening steers.

If horses have pin-worms try an injection of soapsuds and weak tobacco tea night and morning.

Temperament is one of the characteristics of an animal that is not checked up on the score card.

Raise hogs for the money they will bring, not merely keep them to drink your swill and eat refuse.

When the bull's hair is rough and looks dead, feed a good quality of oil-cake and card him thoroughly.

Feed at regular times and in regular amounts, varying the quantity only in extreme changes of weather.

The more rapidly an animal is fattened the less quantity of food is necessary to sustain its vitality.

An animal is born with just so much vitality, and no more can be added by after-feeding or treatment.

Black teeth in pigs do not indicate disease. Just what causes them has never been satisfactorily explained.

If the colt's feet are allowed to grow too long there is danger of their splitting in running over rough ground.

If you keep large hogs without gain and keep pigs on a maintenance ration only look out for a loss in both ways.

Breeding stock should be kept with reference to their use and this keeping should be regular and constant.

Variety of live stock on a farm, quite as much as variety of cropping, is a source of wealth accumulation in the holding.

To a very considerable extent land is valued for farming purposes in proportion to the amount of plant food contained in the soil.

In arranging the farm crops plan to grow some crop that if needed can be used for soiling lots in summer or early in the fall.—Metropolitan and Rural Home.

Some Dairy Advice.

The Department of Agriculture of Finland has given out the following advice in regard to breeding and caring for dairy cattle:

Use only pure-bred cows.

Do not cross different breeds haphazard.

Do not keep more stock than you can feed well.

Pair animals of similar character so you may know the kind of progeny to expect.

Pair the animals of such families as give plenty and rich milk, so the progeny will produce plenty and rich milk.

Do not pair too young animals—that makes both parents and progeny suffer.

Make a memorandum of the milk yield and, if possible, its test. Only thus can a positive knowledge of the cow value be secured.

Keep a record of the breeding (a herd book), by which you may determine the breeding value of an animal.

Visit cattle shows in order to see other animals and to show your own, so as to compare and get practice in judging animals.

Join a "bull association" so as to secure the service of a good bull at a reasonable cost.

The calf should be protected against dampness and draft—it is very tender while young.

The calf should have the milk in small portions and as often as the cows are milked, as only then we get the full benefit of the milk.

The calf should have new milk exclusively the first 14 to 20 days.

Concrete Floors.

A great many of our progressive farmers who have regard for the sanitary condition of their stables and barns are constructing the floors of concrete, says the Drovers' Journal. They have many advantages and if properly made will last as long as the everlasting hills almost. Any farmer who has intelligence enough to harrow a field to a level or saw a board straight can make one of these floors in his barn without calling in a high-priced workman. The method of mixing the concrete is to take one barrel of good Portland cement, two barrels of coarse gravel or stone broken very small. This will make about eighty feet, three inches thick. To lay the floor first grade it and level it; then lay on a thin layer of the gravel or stone and ram it down well. Mix the sand and cement together dry, and be sure to thoroughly mix it. Take about a bushel of the dry mixture and add water to it until it is of the consistency of thin mortar. Have the gravel in a heap near by and keep wet with water; then add the wet gravel and mix it with the mortar thoroughly by many times shoveling back and forth

in the box. Then spread at once, beginning at one corner, and ram down thoroughly. While laying this batch another should be mixing and the process kept going. A board should be laid across for the operator to walk on. After all is laid, wet it and rub it all over with a smooth plank and finally give it a thin coat of cement and sand without gravel. When this is dry, saturate with hot gas tar, and the floor will be dry, durable and vermin-proof.

Some Funny Kinks.

(It is to be hoped that the query man who answers poultry questions is no relation to the one described in New York Farmer by G. W. Hizz):—

He was Young, Ambitious, Imitative and Progressive. He desired to be Professional, and as his Taste ran Horsephysicianing, he took a course in the Snidetic Horse Curing and Repairing College. He was Especially Impressed by the Prescriptions Compounded for Live Stock out of condition and studied Them day and night. He graduated as a Diplomaed Veterinarian, hung out his Shingle, and awaited Patronage. None came. Then he attached himself to the Absent Treatment Department of a Farm Paper and was Detailed to Answer queries of correspondents and to Prescribe for Diseases of Animals he had never Seen. One farmer wrote: "My horse seems to Have a Lamé Back. What Ails him? What Shall I do to cure him? Then he showed what he had learned in the College. He answered: "Your Horse has Either Garget, or Pleuro-Pneumonia, or Both. Treat him thus: Mix a gallon of Kerosene, a Gallon of Vitrol, a Gallon of Aquafortis, ten pounds of Lard, two gallons of Cider Vinegar, a bushel of Sand, four quarts of Cayenne Pepper, three Pecks of Sawdust, a bushel of Quicklime, a pound of Boarding-House Coffee, a quart of Benzine, four pounds of Beeswax, six pounds of Epsom Salts and a Teaspoonful of Bran in a 3-gallon Kettle. Boil until the Mixture is as Thick as Midwinter Molasses. Pump the Horse full of Dope while it is Hot. Continue the Dose Hourly until the Horse Dies or Recovers. If he Recovers, the treatment is Successful. If he Dies, you sent me the Wrong Symptoms." The Farmer followed Directions up to Boiling. When the Dope Began to Boil, there came an Explosion that Blew everything off the Farm, and the Horse Got well. Moral: The Average Prescription for Sick Live Stock would wreck a Wooden Cigar Indian, and Absent Treatment is Dead Easy and should always be Doled Out to Persons who are Able to Believe that any Man Can Guess, from a Single Symptom, Just What Ails an Animal a Thousand Miles Away.

Some Sheep Sense.

The more experience one has with sheep the more convinced he becomes that success depends to a large extent upon what might be called good "sheep sense," as distinguished from horse sense, so commonly used. It is impossible to make profits out of sheep unless one possesses or acquires this sense. Such a little thing will sometimes upset all the good work that a man can do. Here is a neighbor who had a fine herd of sheep which he carefully bred and fed, and seemed to do everything for them; but a good deal of his pasture was low and wet and the sheep spent about half or

Three-quarters of their time with wet feet. They seemed to prefer the low, wet lands, but that was because there was better vegetation there, and not because they liked wet feet. Well, about half the herd became sick, and after a disastrous season the owner woke up to the necessity of fencing off his low, wet lands from the sheep pasture.

Rape for sheep is much like clover for the pigs or potash for peach trees. One might just as well give up sheep feeding if he will not try rape for their food. Sheep and rape must go together, and they do on most farms where the owner has good "sheep sense." Yet it is not necessary to go into many counties in almost any State to find sheep raised without the owner ever having once thought of using rape for them. It is not at all strange that so many claim there is no money in sheep raising or farming. Considering the ignorance in some quarters of all changes and improvements that have been going on in this country in the last quarter of a century, it is not at all surprising that failures are common. Do men who know nothing about modern farming ever read? Or are they so set in their ways that they refuse to adopt any methods except those which their fathers taught them?—T. M. Mandrake, in *American Cultivator*.

Pasture Weeds.

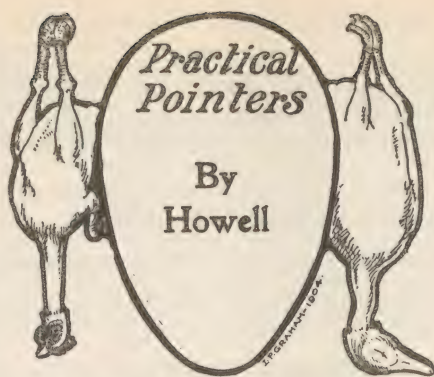
There is always danger in allowing weeds of any character getting a start in pasture lands. There are many kinds of weeds that are so vigorous in their growth that in time they will crowd all other growth out and take complete possession. In preparing for a permanent pasture the land should be made very fine and the cleanest, best quality of seed that can be obtained should be used. Strange, or rather, weeds that have not been observed may make their appearance. They may have been produced from seed that was in the grass seed, but this is not always nor necessarily the case. Seed of pestiferous weeds will lie dormant in the soil waiting for favorable conditions for propagation. One of the chief causes of weeds in some pastures is overpasturing, and allowing weeds to go to seed.

It is claimed that when weeds begin to become prominent in the pasture fields that it is a pretty sure indication that there are too many head of stock being carried.

The eradication of weeds already established is difficult owing to the varied habits, etc. Annual weeds, by being cut before they form seed can be killed out. Many of them will have to be cut several times during the season. Weeds that have tap roots, as in the case of many biennials and perennials, should be cut off below the crown under ground. Those that spread by their underground stems or roots can only be mastered by cultivation and harrowing out and destroying the roots. It is a good plan to pull up by the roots, just after a rain, obnoxious or dangerous weeds.

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It will be remembered I mentioned recently the small size of eggs I was getting from my layers, and attributed the possible cause to a change of feed and weather conditions.

When it is taken into account the great portion of water contained in the white of an egg, it is more than plausible to suggest the dry weather was partly responsible at least.

As we since have had plenty of moisture in the air, and the bran has been added to the bill of fare, I am as much in the dark as at the commencement.

The size of the eggs is again normal, and which ever the cause the result is naturally satisfactory.

There is much satisfaction and a lot of work in keeping the premises clean, this point is forceably illustrated when you find yourself cleaning out brooders and know your neighbor is enjoying himself fishing. Vigilance is the price of success. Nature is ever culling the flocks and the weakest members go under first, for this reason the causes which lead to debility and disease must be made as few as possible.

A complete report of the last Australian laying contest is printed by Miller Purvis in his great paper "Poultry" published at Peotone, Ill.

My namesake, G. Howell, Wentworthville, Australia, comes in second this time with his silver Wyandottes, beaten out by a pen of White Leghorns, owned by a party whose name is analogous to his position in the contest—Luck.

Should you feel interested in the position of your favorite breed in the contest, send a dime for the June issue of *Poultry*, or better still, club it with the *Fancier*, and get all the good things going.

Here is a conundrum for you: "A fellow goes to the Herald Square Show a couple of years since with a mean looking little hen and wins a fifth prize in a class of five, he has persistently advertised his great New York winners as unbeatable." The question is, how mean must this man feel in his own mind?

What to do with the chicks after they are weaned is quite a problem. There is little use in caring for a brood of chicks, and showering every every attention upon them for the first ten weeks of their existence to let them drag out a mere living for the next ten, which they will have to do if left to shift for themselves among the hens, and roost in an over crowded house.

A roomy rainproof box with a slatted entrance to stop the old hens, fills in the demand for shelter at this period. Where several broods are reared together the case becomes simplified. The next stage will find home, ready to protect themselves and take up the battle of life.

Communications

Incubator and Brooder Gas Heating by Machine.

Editor *American Fancier*:

Twice I have started to give you an idea of our innovation in incubator and brooder heating but have been interrupted.

I have been slow to answer your questions as to whether it was a success because about twelve years ago I "made the try" and shortly after fitting up answered to inquiries that it was "a grand success" and at the end of sixty days was keeping out of their way so as not to explain why I had taken it out. This was up in dear old New York State. But gas machines are different now, rather I found one that is, and what are the advantages? The poultry man of the "Big" plant only will understand the answers in full, no lamps to fill, no wicks to trim, no oil in room, no smoke, no smell and for the brooders, the same, because we heat our brooders from the same machine we run our incubators with.

We are now running 21 incubators, 252 egg capacity, and 21 large brooder hovers with our gas machine and it takes 5 minutes night and morning to wind up the machine.

When I tell you that we have run one machine steadily 11 weeks without having to touch the heat but once you may have an idea of the saving in labor.

When we installed the appliance we made one or two serious mistakes, but this was only on account of the expert from the manufacturers, who make the machine, not being familiar with the requirements for poultry business.

As to the cost: We are obliged to pay down here the highest price for gasoline, 19½ cents per gallon, and at that figure it cost us one-third of kerosene cost to operate an incubator and less than one-third for brooder, one of its great advantages not so continuously apparent to the operator, but of great import to the proprietor is insurance. Our incubator cellar and individual hover system brooder house are both insured in one of the line companies at a normal or residence premium. I think that assertion is a "ten strike." Can any poultryman match it?

In connection with our gas we have installed a ventilation system for the incubator cellar where we run twenty-one 252 egg machines so that the temperature of the cellar is absolutely under control as the machines and the air is pure at all times as that in our dining-room.

The brooder house erected this last winter was the experimental part of the installation and is only 100 feet long, and we shall begin early this fall to complete the 250 feet as nursery house or 83 hovers 50 chick capacity, but really of 75 capacity up to 10 days old. When we say our machines run regularly, we know because the temperature is taken three times a day and put on record card at each machine noting one-half degree difference.

I hope this will touch on the points that interests your readers in connection with gas heating, if not jot down the questions and I feel safe to answer now.

My delay in giving you this was not negligence but that I wished to be absolutely sure of my ground before committing myself the same as I did with visitors, regardless of a "great howl" until within a few days they have been locked out of the machine room connected with the brooder house.

The company manufacturing the machine have complimented us by naming it with the requirements for brooder and incubator work the "Livingston System," Incubator and Brooder Heating.

J. ROBT. LIVINGSTON,
Supt. Biltmore Poultry Yards,
Biltmore, N. C.

NEW YORK MARKET REPORT.

EGGS—Receipts for the week, 115,562 cases.

Nearby, 1 g selected white, fancy	20	@	21
Good to choice	16½	@	17
Extra, mixed colors	19½	@	20
Firsts to extra firsts	17	@	18½
Western, fresh gathered, extra firsts	18	@	18½
Firsts	16½	@	17
Seconds	15	@	16
Kentucky seconds	14	@	15
Thirds, all sections	14	@	14½
Western dirties, No. 1	14	@	14½
No. 2	12½	@	13½
Checked eggs	9	@	12

DRESSED POULTRY—Receipts for the week, 8,144 packages.

FRESH KILLED—ICED.

Turkeys, average lots	11	@	13
Poor to medium	11	@	12
Chickens, broilers—4 lbs per pair and under—			
Philadelphia, dry-picked, fancy	30	@	32
Dry-picked, average run	25	@	28
N P & Pa, dry-picked, fcy	20	@	25
Dry-picked, average run	20	@	22
Western, dry-picked, fcy	24	@	25
Dry-picked, average	20	@	22
Scalded, fancy	18	@	22
Scalded, average	18	@	20
Southern, average	17	@	18

FOWLS—

Philadelphia, dry-picked, fancy	12½	@	13½
Dry-picked, average run	12	@	13
Western, dry-picked, selected barrels	12	@	13
Dry-picked, average run	12	@	12½
Dry-picked, poor to medium	10	@	11½
South and Southwestern, dry-picked, selected bbls	12½	@	13
Scalded, selected bbls	12	@	13
Scalded, average run	12	@	12½
Other Poultry—			
Old cocks, dry-picked	8	@	8
Scalded	8	@	8
Ducklings, Long Island & Eastern	12	@	12½
Other nearby	12	@	12
Squabs, prime white—			
8 lbs to doz, per doz	3	@	00
7 lbs to doz, per doz	2	@	25
6@6½ lbs to doz, per doz	1	@	75
Mixed, per doz	1	@	50
Dark, per doz	25	@	50
Culls, per doz	50	@	75

FROZEN POULTRY.

Turkeys, hens, No. 1	19	@	20
Toms, No. 1	19	@	20
No. 2	14	@	16
Old toms, No. 1	17½	@	18
Capons, west, 8 lbs & over, each	19	@	20
Under 8 lbs each	16	@	17
Broilers, milk fed, dry-picked, 4 lbs and under to pair	15	@	20
Dry-picked, 4 lbs and over to pair	15	@	16
Dry-picked, 4 lbs and over to pair	12½	@	13
Scalded, 4 lbs and under to pair, No. 1	15	@	16
No. 2	10	@	11
Roasting chickens, milk fed, dry-picked, fancy	16	@	17
Soft meat, fancy	12	@	15
Average, No. 1	12	@	14
Fowls, No. 1	12½	@	13
No. 2	8	@	10
Chickens, No. 2	8	@	10
Soft meat, fancy	12	@	15
Ducks, No. 1	10	@	12
No. 2	10	@	11
Geese, No. 1	10	@	11
No. 2	8	@	9

LIVE POULTRY—Receipts for the week, forty cars.

Broilers, nearby, per lb	26	@	27
Western	24	@	26
Southern	24	@	24
Fowls, per lb	23	@	13½
Roosters, per lb	11	@	7
Turkeys, per lb	11	@	12
Ducks, Western, per pair	70	@	80
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F. M. THOMAS.
Catskill, N. Y., May 2, 1906.

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Editor American Fancier:

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E. S. FREEMAN,

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JAMES B. N. FITCH.

Mt. Vernon, N. Y., May 21, 1906.

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To The American Fancier:

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To The American Fancier:

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Yours truly,

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Good Returns.

To The American Fancier:

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Yours truly,

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To The American Fancier:

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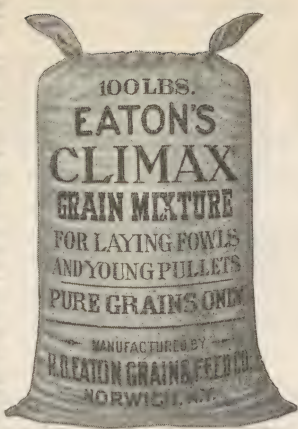
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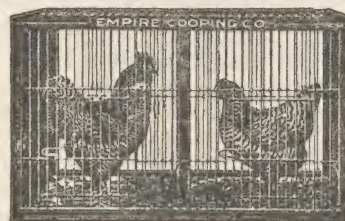
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The name of secretary and judges will be appreciated when sending in notices.

July 23-28, Winnipeg, Manitoba. Western Canada's Great Industrial Fair; A. W. Bell, General Manager.

Aug. 21-24—Cortlandt, N. Y. Cortlandt County Agricultural Society, W. J. Greenman, Secretary.

August 21-24, Rockville, Md., G. O. Brown, A. E. Warner, Judges; Calvin Hicks, Superintendent.

Sept. 3-6, Taunton, Mass., E. P. Washburne, Pigeon Judge and President.

Sept. 3-7, Columbus, Ohio, T. E. Orr, Judge; W. W. Miller, Secretary.

Sept. 3-8, Orangeburg, N. Y., J. F. Gilchrist, Secretary.

Sept. 11-13, Mercer, Pa. Mercer County Fair and Poultry Show. T. E. Orr, Judge; John P. Orr, Secretary.

Sept. 12, Altomont, Ill., Dr. A. W. Baker, Superintendent.

Sept. 17-22, North Yakima, Wash. State Fair, G. A. Graham, Secretary; Harry H. Collier, Superintendent Poultry.

Sept. 24-29, Spokane, Wash. Inter-State Fair, Robt. H. Cosgrove, Secretary.

Sept. 25-28, Poughkeepsie, N. Y. Dutchess County Agricultural Society, T. C. Van Wyck, Superintendent Poultry.

Sept. 25-29, Spokane, Wash., Robert Cosgrove, Secretary; H. H. Collier, Supt.

Sept. 25-29, Trenton, N. J., Inter-State Fair, T. Farrer Rackham, Newark, N. J., Superintendent Poultry.

Sept. 28-Oct. 5, Springfield, Ill., W. C. Garrad, Secretary.

Sept. 29-Oct. 5, Sedalia, Mo., J. R. Rippey, Secretary.

October 2-5, Chatham, N. Y. Columbia County Agricultural Society, W. A. Dardess, Secretary.

Oct. 2-6, Puyallup, Wash., John Mills, Secretary; Harry H. Collier, Supt.

Oct. 9-12, Hagerstown, Md., Geo. O. Brown, J. H. Drevenstedt, D. A. Nichols, W. J. Stanton, J. F. Craugle, Chas. McClave, W. C. Denny, W. G. Minich, Judges; W. F. Spahr, Secretary, Poultry Department.

Oct. 17-18, Girard, Ill., Heimlich, Judge; H. K. Young, Secretary.

Nov. 12-15, Garnett, Kans., Rhodes, Judge; Hattie A. Weld, Secretary.

Nov. 12-17—Houston, Tex., **Hewey S. Fox, Jr.**, Secretary.

Nov. 12-17, San Jose, Cal. Santa Clara Valley Poultry and Pet Stock Association, E. Van Every, Secretary, Edenvale, Cal.

Nov. 15-17, Wellman, Ia., Shellabarger, Judge; E. J. Coffey, Secretary.

Nov. 16-17, Manhattan, Kans., Chas. E. Smith, Secretary.

Nov. 20-23, Winfield, Ia., Shellabarger, Judge; Russell Canly, Secretary.

Nov. 21-23, West Haven, Conn. D. A. Nichols, D. J. Lambert, W. R. Graves, Judges; E. J. Crawford, Secretary.

Nov. 21-23, New London, Ill., Russell, Judge; F. L. Clanson, Secretary.

Nov. 21-24, Holton, Kans., Rhodes, Judge; T. A. Fairchilds, Secretary.

Nov. 22-24, Englewood, N. J., N. R. Pendergast, Secretary.

Nov. 26-30, Cedar Rapids, Ia., Shellabarger, Judge; S. G. Smith, Secretary.

Nov. 27-30, Carthage, Mo., Rhodes, Judge; C. A. Emry, Secretary.

Nov. 27-Dec. 1, York, Pa. C. T. Cornman, William G. Minich, Judges; J. N. Lovett, Secretary.

Nov. 28-30, Fairfield, Ill., Russell, Judge; J. R. McEldrey, Secretary.

Nov. 29-Dec. 1, Vienna, Ill., Heimlich, Judge; Chas. M. Pichens, Secretary.

Nov. 28-Dec. 2, Moline, Ill., Shellabarger, Judge.

Dec. 3-5, Brookfield, Mo., Rhodes, Judge; J. S. Hill, Secretary.

Dec. 3-6, Ravenwood, Mo., Russell, Judge; Robt. Larmer, Secretary.

Dec. 3-7, Mason City, Ia., M. V. Bicker, Secretary.

Dec. 3-7, Ellicottville, N. Y., Geo. W. Webb, Judge; William Green, Secretary.

Dec. 3-8, Rolfe, Ia., Heimlich, Judge; Marion Bruce, Secretary.

Dec. 3-9, San Francisco, Cal. California Poultry Association, J. C. Williams, Secretary, Fruitvale, Cal.

Dec. 4, Youngstown, Ohio, T. E. Orr, Judge; W. H. Crossier, Secretary.

Dec. 4-5, Jackson, Mich., F. W. Travis and S. Butterfield, Judges; C. W. Kroosz, Secretary.

Dec. 4-7, Holyot e, Mass., George Barnett, Jr., Secretary.

Dec. 4-7, Philmont, N. Y. D. A. Nichols, Judge; G. J. Anderson, Secretary.

Dec. 4-7, Humeston, Ia., Shellabarger, Judge; Geo. King, Secretary.

Dec. 4-7, Mt. Sterling, Ill., Meyers, Judge; Eugene Hambaugh, Secretary.

Dec. 4-8, Paterson, N. J., J. Frost, Secretary.

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Dec. 4-8—Wilkes Barre, Pa., David T. Miller, Secretary.

Dec. 4-8—Providence, R. I., Rhode Island Poultry Association, W. I. Brown, Secretary, 6 Exchange Place.

Dec. 4-8, Anardarko, Oklahoma Territory, Fite, Judge; Plaff, Secretary.

Dec. 5-8, Grand Rapids, Wis. Grand Rapids Poultry Association; B. G. Eggert, Secretary; Frank Heck, Judge.

Dec. 5-8, Paterson, N. J. Paterson Poultry, Pigeon and Pet Stock Association; Charles Frost, Secretary.

Dec. 5-8, Danbury, Conn. Western Connecticut Poultry Association, Charles H. Brundage, Secretary; Judges, J. H. Drevenstedt, T. F. McGrew, Hon. David Nichols and W. H. Card.

Dec. 5-8, Ellensburg, Wash., Harry H. Collier, Judge; Mrs. S. F. Montgomery, Secretary.

Dec. 5-10, Birmingham, Ala., McClave, Sites, Judges; Klywn Ballard, Secretary.

Dec. 6-8, Villisca, Ia., Russell, Judge; F. M. Childs, Secretary.

Dec. 6-8, Fulton, Mo., Rhodes, Judge; D. W. Whanger, Secretary.

Dec. 6-9—Danbury, Conn., C. H. Brundage, Secretary.

Dec. 10-14, Waverly, Ia., Shellabarger, Judge; B. L. Burbank, Secretary.

Dec. 10-15, Great Bend, Kans., Fite, Judge; J. A. Lessemann, Secretary.

Dec. 10-15, Warren, Ill., Heimlich, Judge; B. L. Wright, Secretary.

Dec. 11, Warren, Ohio, T. E. Orr, Judge; Wm. G. Baldwin, Secretary.

Dec. 11-14, Lewistown, Mo. Lewistown Poultry Association; A. O. Brooking, Secretary, La Belle, Mo.; Frank Heck, Judge.

Dec. 11-14, Winsted, Conn. F. D. Hallet, Secretary.

Dec. 11-14, Quincy, Ill., Lane, Judge; A. E. Rogers, Secretary.

December 11-14, Johnstown, N. Y., Adirondack Poultry & Pet Stock Club. B. W. Mosher, Secretary.

Dec. 11-15, Cary, Ohio, George H. Burgett, Judge; Geo. Wolfene, Secretary.

Dec. 11-16, Tacoma, Wash., Henry Berar and Harry H. Collier, Judges; Mrs. C. A. Pratt, Secretary.

Dec. 12-14—Kingston, N. Y., F. E. Miller, Secretary, Rifton, N. Y.

Dec. 12-15—Corsicana, Tex., W. E. Elliott, Secretary, Box 281.

Dec. 12-15, Fresno, Cal. Fresno Poultry, Pigeon and Pet Stock Association, George R. Andrews, Secretary.

Dec. 12-15, Stoughton, Wis. Stoughton Poultry Association; Sylvanus Ames, Secretary; Frank Heck, Judge.

Dec. 12-15, St. Mary's, Ohio. Wick Hathaway, Judge; F. F. Aschbacher, Secretary.

Dec. 17-20, Clarinda, Ia., Rhodes, Judge; John Lagerquisk, Secretary.

Dec. 17-21, Mound City, Mo., Russell, Judge; W. H. Weightman, Secretary.

Dec. 17-21, Pierce City, Mo., Emry, Judge; Thomas Carlin, Secretary.

Dec. 17-22, North Yakima, Wash., W. C. Denny, Judge; S. H. Schreiner, Secretary.

Dec. 17-22, Sullivan, Ill., Lane, Judge; D. W. Duncan, Secretary.

Dec. 18, McConnelville, Ohio, T. E. Orr, Judge; G. M. Foster, Secretary.

Dec. 18-21, Geneva, Ohio. R. H. Munger, Secretary.

Dec. 18-21, Greenfield, Ia., Shellabarger, Judge; Mrs. S. E. Alley, Secretary.

Dec. 18-21, Jacksonville, Ill., Heimlich, Judge; Ralph Dunlap, Secretary.

Dec. 18-22, Ponce City, Oklahoma Ter., Fite, Judge; Flem. Smith, Secretary.

Dec. 19-22, Holland, Mich. Holland Poultry and Pet Stock Association; L. S. Sprietsma, Secretary; Frank Heck, Judge.

Dec. 19-22, Mohnsville, Pa. Wyomissing Poultry Association; George W. Hatt, Secretary, Mohn's Store, Pa.; Charles T. Cornman, Judge.

Dec. 19-23, Mohn's Store, Pa., Comman, Judge; Geo. W. Thompson, Secretary.

Dec. 20-22, Wenatchee, Wash., Harry H. Collier, Judge; John N. Johnson, Secretary.

Dec. 20-22, Savannah, Mo., Rhodes, Judge; S. C. Schmitt, Secretary.

Dec. 24-26, Elgin, Ill., Shellabarger, Judge; M. E. Meredith, Secretary.

Dec. 24-26, Forrest, Ill., Heimlich, Judge; C. C. Johnson, Secretary.

Dec. 24-29, Oakland, Ill., Lane, Judge; O. L. Minter, Secretary.

Dec. 24-29, Oskaloosa, Ia., Shellabarger and Russell, Judges; J. R. Hoover, Sec.

Dec. 25-28, Kalamazoo, Mich., James A. Fucher, Judge; F. A. Hoag, Secretary.

Dec. 25-28, Alleghany, Pa., E. Sites, Judge; Chas. Fuller, Secretary.

Dec. 25-29, Beatrice, Neb., Fite, Judge; Frank E. Lenhart, Secretary.

Dec. 26, Shelby, Ohio, T. E. Orr, Judge; W. O. Smith, Secretary.

Dec. 26-29, Macomb, Ill., Heimlich, J. A. McFatch, Secretary.

Dec. 27-29, Spicard, Mo., Leon A. Tracy, Secretary.

Dec. 29-Jan. 2, Meriden, Conn., D. A. Nichols, W. N. Card and D. J. Lambert, Judges; W. W. Slets, Secretary.

Dec. 31, Kokoma, Ind., Lane, Judge.

Dec. 31-Jan. 2, Gordonsville, Mo., Heimlich, Judge; E. W. Hink, Secretary.

Dec. 31-Jan. 4, Jackson, Mo., Rhodes, Judge; Chas. Behrans, Secretary.

Dec. 31-Jan. 5, Lansing, Mich., J. A. Tucker, Judge; J. A. Turner, Secretary.

Jan. 1, Leipsic, Ohio, T. E. Orr, Judge; H. S. Enck, Secretary.

Jan. 1-5, Madison Square, New York City, H. V. Crawford, Secretary.

Jan. 2-5, South Bend, Wash., Harry H. Collier, Judge; F. M. Heath, Secretary.

Jan. 2-5, Bedford, Ia., Russell, Judge; D. C. Moehler, Secretary.

Jan. 4, Goshen, Ind., T. E. Orr, Judge; Will H. Schadt, Secretary.

Jan. 7, Auburn, N. Y., T. E. Orr, Judge; J. H. Scott, Secretary.

Jan. 7-11, Aurora, Ill. Aurora Poultry Association; Walter M. Smith, Secretary; Frank Heck, Judge.

Jan. 7-11, Denver, Colo., Heimlich, Judge; G. W. Veditz, Secretary.

Jan. 7-12, Auburn, N. Y. Annual meeting of American Poultry Association with Auburn Fanciers' Association. J. H. Scott, Secretary.

Jan. 7-12, Normal, Ill., Pierce, McClave, Tucker, Fite and Heyl, Judges; A. L. Moore, Secretary.

Jan. 7-12, Topeka, Kans., Heimlich, Judge; D. M. Owen, Secretary.

Jan. 8-10, Lenox, Mass. Honest "Dave" and Shaylor, Judges; L. H. Peters, Secretary.

Jan. 8-11, Middletown, Conn. Graves and Bunnell, Judges; Arthur L. Clark, Secretary.

Jan. 8-11, Dallas, Texas, Lane, Judge; Albert Beeman, Secretary.

Jan. 8-11, Peterboro, N. H., W. H. Spaulding, Secretary.

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Jan. 8-12, Sidney, Ohio, Gault and Cram, Judges; Earl Lee, Secretary.

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Jan. 8-13, Seattle, Wash., George D. Holden, Judge; N. Anderson, Secretary.

Jan. 9-12, Alameda, Cal. Alameda County Poultry Association, C. G. Hinds, Secretary.

Jan. 9-12, Tiffin, Ohio. Chas. McClave, Judge; V. Crabtree, Secretary.

Jan. 9-13, Chilton, Wis. Chilton Poultry and Pet Stock Association; A. Stransky, Secretary; Frank Heck, Judge.

Jan. 9-15, Detroit, Mich., Richard Oke, H. P. Schwab and S. Butterfield, Judges; T. F. Millsbaugh, Secretary.

Jan. 14-19, Lincoln, Neb., Russell, Rhodes and Shellabarger, Judges; L. P. Ludden, Secretary.

Jan. 14-19, Blackwell, Oklahoma Ter., Fite, Judge; Geo. Carson, Secretary.

Jan. 15-18, Port Huron, Mich., Robt. Taylor, Secretary.

Jan. 15-19, 1907—Kansas City, Mo., P. H. DePree, Secretary.

Jan. 15-19—Angola, Ind., Tri-State P. and P. S. Association, W. K. Sheffer, Secretary.

January 15-19, Scranton, Pa., A. W. Close, Secretary.

Jan. 15-19, Boston, Mass., S. L. Roberts, Secretary.

Jan. 16-20, Charlotte, N. C. Charlotte Poultry Association; W. B. Alexander, Secretary.

Jan. 16-22, Portland, Oregon, Elmer Dixon, Judge; F. Fenwick and E. Carlisle, Secretaries.

Jan. 17, Milwaukee, Wis., T. E. Orr, Judge; C. G. Loeber, Secretary.

Jan. 21-24, Kankakee, Ill., Russell, Judge; E. P. Vining, Secretary.

Jan. 21-25, Salt Lake City, Utah, Heimlich, Judge; C. J. Sanders, Secretary.

Jan. 21-26, Walla Walla, Wash., Elmer Dixon, Judge; J. M. Davis, Secretary.

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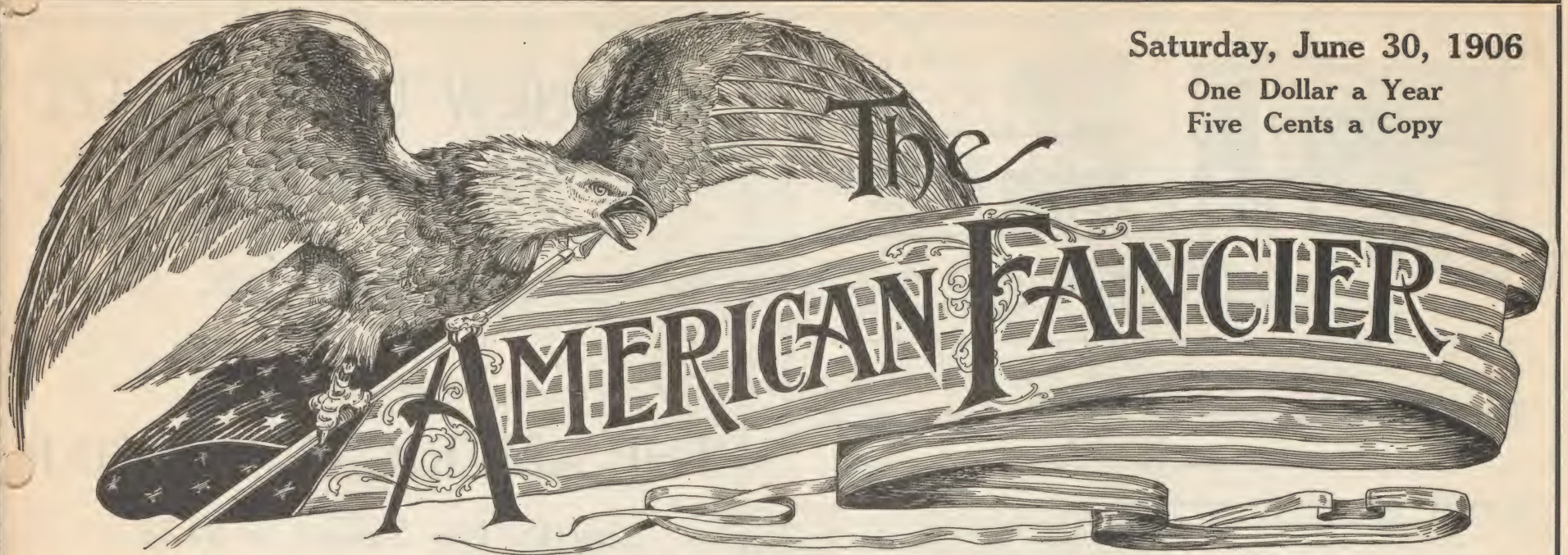
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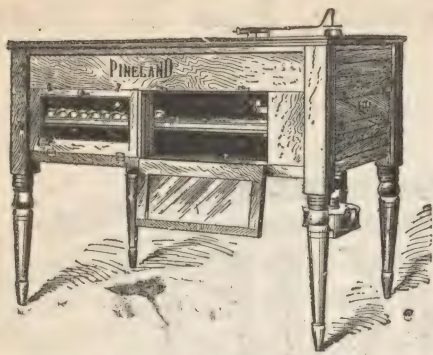
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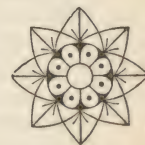
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JOTTINGS ABOUT JACOBINS

BIRDS OF UNIQUE BEAUTY AND COMBINATION

By W. Martin-Treeneer, in Pigeons and Poultry, England



Having been continually asked to write my ideas on the Jacobin, I have, at last, consented to do so. But before starting I feel that I must apologize to my readers for so doing, because of the articles which, from time to time, have been written on this particular bird by far greater breeders and men of much more experience than I.

The Jacobin or Jacobite, the Capuchin, or the Ruff, are names given to this bird (it is usually called by fanciers the Jacobin or Jack), on account of the frill of inverted feathers which encircles the head and neck, like the hood or cowl of a monk. The Dutch call these birds Cappers. It is supposed to have originated in Cyprus. The Jacobin should be a small bird, the smaller the better, provided it has sufficient length of feather to develop the three characteristics of hood, chain, and mane.

Apart from its antiquity, the Jack is valuable and attractive for its own intrinsic merits. The combination of qualities found in the hood, chain, and mane is unique amongst birds, and I do not know of any other, either wild or domesticated, in which the same features are to be found. In the finest specimens the head is completely buried in the hood, and the peeping out of the eye lends a piquancy to the entire appearance of the bird.

The hood is decidedly the principal point of the Jacobin, which is formed by the feathers at the back of the head rising up over the crown and reaching forward as if to cover the front of the skull. It should be thick in feather and even at the edge, and lie almost close to the head.

The chain is the next important point, and is formed by the feathers of the neck parting in the center, one part of them curving forward and the other backward, respectively, forming the chain and mane. A perfect chain is quite as rare and important as a perfect hood, but it is very difficult to find a bird with both perfect hood and chain, although I have seen some very good specimens boasting both characteristics.

The mane, also, in my opinion, is a very important point, but, perhaps not so much as the two former, as a bird with a good hood and chain, and a poor mane should be considered a very fair bird. Breeding for mane is sometimes carried to excess, as some breeders, in order to obtain the large mane, have bred birds with huge necks; and ugly brutes they are. I, myself, advocate a reasonable length of neck, as a short-necked bird can

never display a proper mane. As to the rose, this is seen best in reds and yellows. It is a point of great beauty. It is the centre from which the feathers of the neck curve in forming the chain and mane, and should be perfectly circular. The lower part of the

feathers being quite white they show up clear against the colored feathers, and, thereby give the bird a very beautiful appearance.

The head and beak are the next points to consider. The head should be small, but a trifle wide and round

in front. The worst fault a Jacobin can have is a Tumbler head, and the beak standing out straight. I know of nothing that spoils a good bird worse than this. Another fault is the front of the skull being square, instead of round. This, after all, is not nearly so bad as the former. Birds with this fault are often seen with a little tuft of feathers growing over the eyes, commonly known as beetle brows. It is very seldom found on a bad bird. A Jacobin's beak should be short and slightly stout, with a downward tendency, and white or pale in color.

With respect to the eye of the Jack it should be pearl or white. Some birds are bred with dark or bull eyes; this is, indeed, a very bad fault in the show pen. I am rather inclined to think that some all round judges let these last-named points slip their observation, as I have often seen the birds possessing all these faults placed in front of others which were quite perfect in these points, because they had not quite the hood and chain the others had. A Jacobin judge would never do such a thing as this. The carriage should be sprightly and graceful. When in motion the head should be erect, and the bird should walk with a quick, sprightly step.

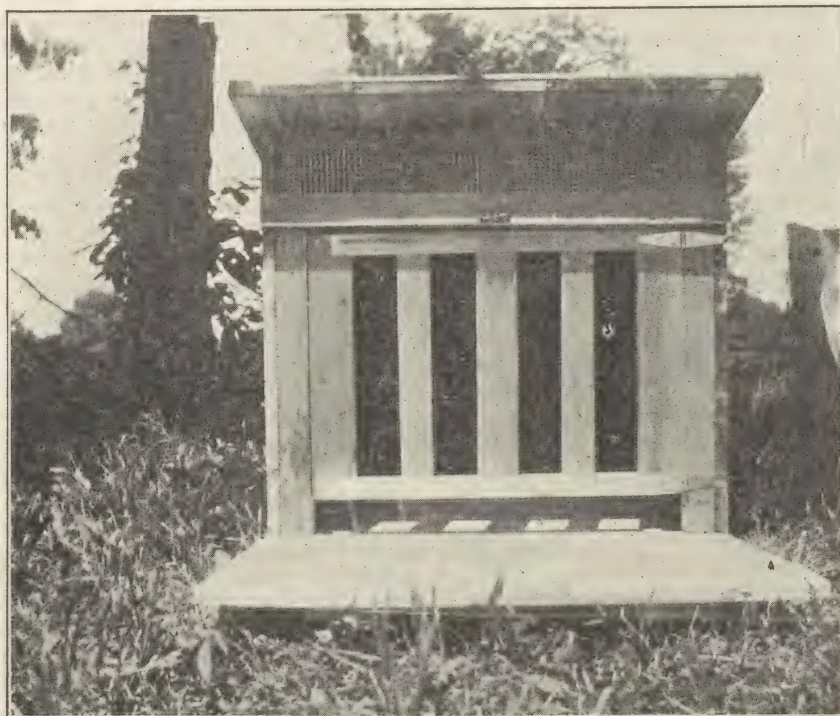
The Jacobin is found in several standard colors, viz., reds, blacks, yellows, whites, blues, also silvers. Of the latter, Mr. Richard Pillans, of Glenburn, Uddingston, N. B., has some very fine specimens. There are also some off colors, known as strawberry, duns, and kites.

The color of the Jacobin is, in my estimation, a great point, and of vast importance in judging, as also is the marking, which should be as follows: The head white, to a sharply defined line running under the eyes and close to the under mandible. This is termed high-cut. The tail, rump, and the ten flight feathers of each wing are also white, the rest of the bird black, red, yellow, as the case may be. The most common fault in marking is where the white of the head runs too far down the throat, which is termed "low cut." Another fault is being white under the belly and on the thighs. Sometimes both thighs are white, and often only one.

I will now describe my idea of the colors. The red should be a very rich blood color, of which very few are seen. I know of one at Weymouth which is of this color, and is, no doubt the finest red I have seen. It is a beautiful, sheeny, rich blood color, not a dull, hard looking red. There are a great many reds which are chequery



PIANO BOX COLONY COOP.



WEED'S BROOD COOP.

on the wings, and have bluish-grey or white thighs, instead of being the same deep, rich color as the body. But very few indeed are the reds possessing this important and desirable point.

Yellows of a sound, rich color are becoming very scarce. Most yellows are pale and washy in color, and many are chequery as well. Most of them are either low cut or white thighed. They have generally the worst moods. Of course, they are good yellows, but they are scarce. Mr. Alfred Brothers, of Rawstonsall, has about some of the best yellows there are out. This color cannot be bred together freely. They must be continually crossed with a good colored red, which most decidedly improves the color.

The black Jacobin is now, without doubt, in a state of perfection. The color of the best of them is rich and lustrous, and they carry their color to the thighs more than in reds and yellows. Blacks are found in various shades, the most in favor being the brilliant green metallic lustre, rich and glossy. This color should be used for improving reds.

Another much esteemed red is the deep, intense black, resembling jet or ebony, but it has not the brilliance of the first-mentioned black. There is also the purple black, but this is not so common as it was some few years ago. We do not, however, feel its loss while we have such beautiful substitutes.

The whites have greatly improved of late years. They have the finest legth of feather, finish, and quality of all. I have some very fine specimens in my own lofts. I do not advocate their being kept by fanciers in large cities and towns, owing to the smoke and dirt, which tends to spoil their great beauty.

Blues, although they are mentioned by the Jacobin Society as a standard color, I will not attempt to describe, as I have never seen a good one. There are, however, some very good specimens in Germany, I am given to understand.

Having now described what, in my opinion, a Jacobin should be, I will say a little of its general management.

No hardier variety exists, and the determined fight they can make against roup and other diseases is marvellous. It is a lively, vigorous bird, but of a somewhat quarrelsome disposition. Therefore, it requires plenty of room, and plenty of perches. The kind of perch I use in my lofts are strips of wood about eight or nine inches in length, and about two inches in width, and nailed or screwed to longer strips of thicker wood, and fixed securely to the walls.

I start mating my older and more vigorous birds about the first week in February, that is, provided the weather is favorable. My weakly and late hatched ones I leave until about the first week in March. I always finish breeding about the beginning of August, so as to get them through a nice early moult. The Jack is quite capable, and will hatch and bring up their own young ones, but they cannot always be trusted. They sometimes neglect their eggs, or stop feeding their young. I use feeders, and for that purpose I use common Flying Homers, which, I think, without doubt, are the best.

For food I give them through the breeding season equal parts of dari, tares, and wheat, with a little hemp

seed about twice a week. For the rest of the year I feed on tares and maple peas.

Before bringing this article to a close, I feel I must say a word to beginners, who are contemplating joining the ranks of Jacobin breeders, not to be misled into buying a pair advertised as a winner of 1st and special Palace for 3s. 6d. I beg of you to ask one of the biggest and most popular breeders to fit you out with a good pair of stock birds, at about five or six guineas, and breed your own winners. I might also add that if any fancier having reached the limitations of the variety he fancies, and is looking for fresh fields to conquer, let him pick up the Jack. I think once he has produced a real clinker he will never look twice at any other variety.

NEW YORK MARKET REPORT.

EGGS—Receipts for the week, 104,114 cases.

Nearby, f g selected, white, fancy.	23	@	23
Good to choice.	21	@	22
Extra, mixed colors.	20	@	21
First to extra firsts.	17	@	18½
Western, fresh gathered, extra firsts.	18	@	18½
First.	16½	@	17
Seconds.	15	@	16
Kentucky seconds.	14	@	15
Western dirties, No. 1.	14	@	15
Thirds, all sections.	14	@	14½
No. 2.	12½	@	13½
Checked eggs.	9	@	12

DRESSED POULTRY—Receipts for the week, 12,092 packages.

Turkeys, average lots.	11	@	13
Poor to medium.	11	@	12
Philadelphia, dry-picked, fancy.	26	@	28
Dry-picked, average run.	24	@	25
N P & Pa. dry-picked, fcy.	23	@	24
Dry-picked, average run.	20	@	22
Western, dry-picked, fcy.	21	@	22
Dry-picked, average.	18	@	20
Scalded, fancy.	17	@	20
Scalded, average.	17	@	19
Southern, average.	16	@	17

Fowls—			
Philadelphia, dry-picked, fancy.	14	@	14
Dry-picked, average run.	13½	@	13½
Western, dry-picked, selected barrels.	13½	@	13½
Dry-picked, average run.	13	@	13
Dry-picked poor to medium.	11	@	12
South & Southwest'n, dry-picked, selected bbls.	13	@	13½
Scalded, selected bbls.	13½	@	13½
Scalded, average run.	13	@	13

Other Poultry—			
Old cocks, dry-picked.	8	@	8
Scalded.	8	@	8
Ducklings, Long Island & Eastern.	12½	@	12½
Other nearby.	12	@	12
Souabs, prime white—			
8 lbs to doz, per doz.	30	@	30
7 lbs to doz, per doz.	25	@	25
6@6½ lbs to doz, per doz.	150	@	175
Mixed, per doz.	150	@	150
Dark, per doz.	150	@	150
Culls, per doz.	25	@	75

FROZEN POULTRY.

Turkey hens, No. 1.	18	@	19
Toms, No. 1.	12	@	19
No. 2.	12	@	14
Old toms, No. 1.	17½	@	18
Capons, west, 8 lbs & over, each.	19	@	19
Under 8 lbs each.	16	@	17
Broilers, milk fed, dry-picked, 4 lbs and under to pair.	20	@	20
Dry-picked, 4 lbs and over to pair.	15	@	16
Dry-picked, 4 lbs and under to pair, No. 1.	16	@	17
Dry-picked, 4 lbs and over to pair.	12½	@	13
Scalded, 4 lbs and under to pair, No. 1.	15	@	16
No. 2.	10	@	11
Roasting chickens, milk fed, dry-picked, fancy.	16	@	17
Soft meat, fancy.	15	@	15
Average, No. 1.	12	@	14

Fowls, No. 1.	12½	@	13
No. 2.	8	@	10
Chickens, No. 2.	8	@	10
Soft meat, fancy.	15	@	15
Ducks, No. 1.	12	@	12
No. 2.	10	@	11
Geese, No. 1.	10	@	11
No. 2.	8	@	9

LIVE POULTRY—Receipts for the week, fifty-six cars.

Broilers, nearby, per lb.	22	@	23
Western.	22	@	22
Southern.	20	@	20
Fowls, per lb.	13½	@	13½
Roosters, per lb.	8	@	8
Turkeys, per lb.	11	@	12
Ducks, Western, per pair.	70	@	80
Southern & Southwestern, per pair.	50	@	60
Geese, Western, per pair.	90	@	100
Southern & Southwestern.	25	@	30
Pigeons, per pair.	25	@	30

BROWN'S BUDGET

It is said a hailstone weighing 12 pounds crashed through the hen house roof of a Reverend in Pittsburg recently. The owner will not hereafter allude to hailstones as big as eggs.

The gape worm still remains a mystery. Remedies come and remedies go, but the pest continues to destroy countless numbers of chickens every season. Without doubt the ancient methods of horse hair and feather treatment is the surest remedy yet known. The great difficulty of getting these inserted in the wind-pipe is a drawback. If the chick's tongue can be pulled upward or out a little and held there the opening is easily discernable, and it is comparatively easy to insert the feather in the wind-pipe.

More ducks and turkeys are being raised in Maryland this season than usual. The Chicago meat condition exposure will doubtless make poultry products average higher in prices than at previous seasons. So far eggs are averaging much higher prices than other summer seasons.

The duckling industry is just getting a foothold in this State, and the demand for them is rapidly increasing. It is at the clubs and hotels they are sold, the private residence trade is slowly developing.

It is reported that a man in Baltimore County asked a stranger if he knew where he could get any incubator eggs. The man said he could furnish them at \$6 a hundred, so he brought a hundred the next day. The man was too busy to start the incubator and put the eggs in the cellar. Company came and the good wife must have a dozen eggs for custard so she risked the eggs and husband's wrath and took them. First one she broke had a dead chick two-thirds developed; next was a "started but stopped" one; third effort, another half-formed chick. She didn't have custard, and when hubby came she confessed, and together they demonstrated further until he was perfectly satisfied the stranger had sold him genuine "incubator eggs"—that had run their full time, too.

A country paper says: "Mr. Henry Grimes recently laid an egg on an editorial desk which measured 9x8 inches." Mr. Grimes is called "Hen" as a nickname for Henry—so there must be something in a name after all.

At Belair, Md., The Harford County Poultry and Pet Stock Association has just been organized with P. H. McCormick President, Martin E. Ridgely Secretary, and Richard Dallam, Treasurer. This is the outcome of last winter's poultry show held in Belair while the Farmers' Institute was in session. The county has many prominent poultrymen who raise fine stock. Their next show will no doubt be a very creditable one.

A gentleman stopped in the other day. In talking chicken he said: "A little black and tan dog followed me

home the other night—couldn't drive him away. Two days afterward the dog got in the brooder house when there was 97 White Leghorn chicks, and killed 96 in short order. The reason he didn't kill the other one was because it hid behind a board. Last week a cat we have had around house a long time killed 27 young chicks. She was stretched out sunning herself when found, having eaten just a little out of the heads of the chicks." Probably the cat got credit for the work of a weasel.

Mr. Shankin in Baltimore County, recently had a hen settle down with a brood of chicks close to a bee hive. The bees got mad and so did the hen. The result was that every chick was stung to death and the hen felt sore and sorry herself after the conflict. Some live stock element don't mix well.

It is always best to begin at the bottom and work up in any business. This beginning at the top and working down is often done with people who want to get extensively in the poultry business. Another thing about starting in the poultry business, if you have proved a failure at everything else, don't waste your coin lavishly in making a start with poultry.

For real young brooder chicks young clover cut is better than grass. White clover makes an ideal pasture for young chicks, and is almost equal to alfalfa. The exercise the young chicks get in securing their supply of greens is good for them, too.

Swamped With Orders.

To The American Fancier:

Kindly cut out my large classified advertisement and just run the small one. I am swamped with orders. Have had to refuse some. Have had as high as eleven settings of my best eggs ordered in one mail. Please cut the ad out as soon as possible. Wishing you success with your bright, newsy paper, I remain,

Very truly yours,

ARTHUR BOUCK.

Frankfort, N. Y., April 20, 1906.

Standby for Years.

To The American Fancier:

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Yours truly,

W. E. SAMSON.

Forest City, Pa., May 14, 1906.

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To The American Fancier:

The American Fancier is the ONLY paper to advertise in. It has sold me birds and eggs over fourteen hundred dollars worth. The only reason I stopped my advertisement was that it was selling me out too fast. Have shipped eggs to every State in the Union; also, several lots to Canada. Wishing you success, and long life to the eagle, I am,

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Stories of Birds

(From Feathered Life, England.)

Ancient Fowl.

A hen which died at a Stewartry farm (N. B.) the other day is credited with having lived for seventeen years, and in that time brought forth 150 chickens.

New Zealand Egg Laying Competition.

The total for the forty-eighth week of the New Zealand egg-laying competition is 960 eggs, making the grand aggregate 83,974, and the weekly average per pen 9.60.

Alphabetical Eggs.

The hen belonging to a postmaster at Thorpe-Soken, Essex, which recently laid an egg marked with the figure "5" has laid another clearly marked with the letter "J."

Freak Chicken at Romford.

A chicken has been hatched at Romford with four legs. Its beak was crossed, and it had only one eye. The life of the freak was but short, as it was pecked to death by the bantam that hatched it.

Scholastic Hen's Feat.

A most uncommon egg has been laid by one of the hens at the Grammar School, Margate. It was altogether shell-less, and was a sort of double egg in the form of a figure eight, the two parts being united by a narrow neck. The upper and lower parts are complete ovals, and when boiled the albuminous surface covered it throughout. The egg is now preserved as a curiosity.

Cockatoos Born at the Zoo.

As a result of their open-air life, two young Leadbeater's cockatoos have been born in the eastern aviary of the Zoological Gardens. This has never happened at the Zoo before.

Starling in a Magazine.

A starling has built its nest in the ammunition magazine at Earlston, Haddington. The little creature will no doubt be terribly disappointed to find that the shells upon which it is sitting in so painstaking a fashion cannot be hatched.

Rare Birds for the Zoo.

Lord Crawford, who has been visiting South Africa and the islands of the Mozambique Channel, has brought back with him some 500 of specimens of rare birds. These include a number of live birds, which will be presented to the Zoological Gardens, and two specimens of the sacred white Ibis from Aldabra, which were obtained by permission of the Hon. Walter Rothschild, who leases the island from the Imperial Government.

Blackcaps Build in Flower-pot.

At the present time, in Nyewoods, Harting, Sussex, there are some blackcaps returned to their old nesting-places—a medium sized flower-pot

turned upside down. These curious little birds enter the pot through the little hole at the bottom, build their nest snugly on the ground, lay eggs, and hatch out their progeny. Last season there were two nests built side by side, with five eggs, and the people are watching to see whether there will be two this year; one is there already. The pot was placed in exactly the same spot as last year, in readiness for them.

Chesterfield Fanciers' Association.

A meeting of the committee was held at the Carlton Restaurant, for the purpose of preparing the schedule for the open air show to be held in December. An extensive classification was agreed upon in all the sections, and it is anticipated that the result will be one of the largest as well as the finest exhibitions of the kind ever held in the town.

Chickens Nursed by a Cat.

A few days ago Mr. Simpson, a tradesman of Aston, near Birmingham, received some chickens, hatched in a Hearson Incubator, for exhibition as an advertisement for Spratt's chicken food. Before being placed in the window, their chirping attracted the attention of an old cat, who gently drew them into her basket. Since their removal to the window, the cat has continued nestling them in her own fur, and regularly washes them.

Interesting Trait in Bird Life.

One day last week Ethel M'Intosh, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M'Intosh, Sydenham Lodge, Ednam, when returning from school, discovered a young blackbird apparently drowning in Ednam Mill-lane. She rescued the little fledgling, took it home, and had it placed in a cage, the intention being to give it its freedom when it gets a little stronger. The cage has since been hung up outside during the day-time, and, curiously enough, every day since a pair of blackbirds, who have a brood of their own close to the Lodge, have regularly fed the little stranger with worms. It is a very interesting sight to see the birds flying up to the cage and popping the worms through the wires.

"Two-legged" Foxes

and Poultry Claims.

The Master of the Essex and Suffolk Foxhounds, Mr. G. K. B. Norman, speaking at the Keepers' and Earth-stoppers' Dinner at St. Osyth, said that during the past season they had found an uncommonly good lot of foxes in the Tendring Hundred—altogether about fifty, which he considered was a pretty good record. Mr. C. H. Chisnall, in submitting "The Health of the Master," alluded to the claims for lost poultry, and said it was a marvellous thing that in districts where there were no foxes there were usually plenty of claims. He supposed that the culprits in such cases were "two-legged foxes."

Some More Bubbles.

By Rossiter Burnham, in Southern Fancier.

For some months now we have had doled out to us the regulation method of raising chicks and the Congressional Record is a small volume compared to the literature on this subject. No wonder we are getting letters daily complaining of mortality among young chicks. The trouble arises from the fact that there are so many methods advocated and the majority are so intricate and needlessly laborious that to follow some would actually wear out the mind and body of any one not up to Roosevelt standard of strenuous dexterity. Here is a sample, "Don't give anything to the chick for thirty-six or seventy-two hours" (in the meantime they have eaten up each other's toes for meat and commenced on their eyes for water.) Dear reader, did you ever see a bunch of little poultrydom one hour after being hatched lined up around a drinking fountain and as they take a sip hold their heads erect to let the water guggle down their throats? Well, if you did you must have noted the resemblance of their satisfaction to that of Weary Willie with a can to his speaking tube and guggling beer. Next on the program: "Take stale bread, soak in skimmed milk, wring out with the hand until dry and feed five times a day." Another: Boil eggs until hard, chop up fine with lettuce and mix sand and pepper with it; then feed five times a day." Don't forget the latter instruction, and to carry it out properly you must set the alarm clock and during the interim read up on what to do next or you are liable to miss part of the program. "Also five times a day give milk in a saucer and cup—drinking fountain inverted—but be careful to wash out five times per diem with hot water and borax or soda or the milk will sour and cause bowel trouble." Here is one more: "Mix a dough of various ingredients and bake in an oven until brown, then crumble the soft part in hand and feed; the crust you must run through a bone mill (to advertise the bone mill humbug), moisten with milk that has been strained and feed that way." Now, how would you like to raise from say 500 to 10,000 chicks and follow the above directions? The writer commenced reading poultry literature some eighteen years ago, and this identical advice was being given then, and what makes it worse, up-to-date poultry journals are giving space and actually paying for copy that keeps up this fol de rol. We will give you something simple and easy so that you may leave home in the morning, return at six P. M. and find your chicks in better condition than yourself:

Place in your pen or covered brooder two self-feeding hoppers, one with three compartments for oyster shells, grit and charcoal, another with two compartments for beef scraps and prepared chick food, composed of small and broken grains. This and water are before the chicks from a minute old until they go to the show room or market, only the chick food is dispensed with when two weeks of age and cracked corn, wheat and oats are given alternately instead. Don't that beat the five-times-a-day racket and all sorts of tiresome mixtures? Unless where chicks are rais-

ed in large houses we believe in small brood houses having floors made tight and an inch of sand on it to facilitate cleaning. Nature provides some good things for the poultryman, among them the pepper used for green food is not only appetising, but a tonic. The leaves of pennyroyal will keep mites out of nests and hung around chicken house prevents the mosquito from singing "Way Down in Georgia."

Piano Box Colony Houses.

The Editor of the American Fancier has told you of the above in a former issue of the latter, and has had one of the houses photographed to accompany this article.

As he stated, the price of lumber in some places is so extremely high that the poultryman that would use economy, will make use of any makeshift that comes to hand, so we found that piano boxes were admirably suited for the purpose.

To begin, first endeavor to get two boxes of the same size, it will save a deal of time, then with a nail puller remove the backs, that is the large, straight sides, also the top, then placing the two together you fasten them with pieces across the ends, also a cleat under floor to hold the two halves of floor together firmly.

Then to complete roof you make a slight gable at each end and use the old tops with a piece or two of back. The whole to be covered with some water proof paper. Cut out one end for door, we make as you see by photo the door of wire, to be covered with cloth when cold weather comes. Window can be cut if you wish. When complete, you have a house some 5 feet by 6 feet on ground, and about 5 feet 8 inches in its highest point.

The two different pitches to the roof giving it a rather taking appearance. The cleats on the door end must, of course, cross over and under the door.

GEORGE W. WEED.

DRY MASH FEEDING.

On account of the slump in the egg market during May, we decided to give our layers a rest, and wait for better prices. A ration of whole grain was given and the flock was fed rather scantily. As a result the egg yield dropped to about one egg per day for every ten hens.

Now that eggs are commanding a good price, have begun to change the diet. In addition to the whole grain a dry mash consisting of two parts wheat bran, one part flour middlings, one part clover meal and one part beef scraps is kept before the fowls at all times.

As a result the egg yield was doubled in four days, and is constantly increasing, with all indications for a greater yield during the next two months.

Have also tried hopper—feeding beef scraps to the fowls, but find it requires considerable time and care to get the birds used to it so that they will not over-eat and get sick. Have also found it difficult to get a hopper that will feed the scraps without wasting or clogging up. The bran and middlings in the dry mash absorb the oil from the scraps so that the combination feeds readily in small hoppers but pure beef scraps will clog up so that the hens cannot get them. This means an abnormal appetite for meat the next time the hoppers are attended to and sick hens are the result.

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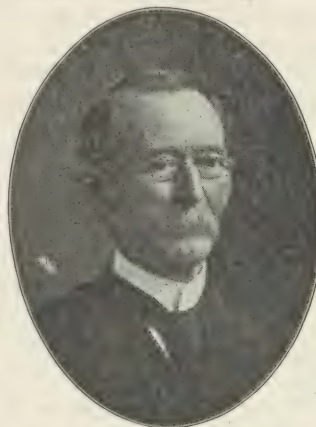


The illustrations of the piano box poultry coop and brood coop appearing in this issue were taken from photographs taken by our Associate Editor, H. M. Pockman, while on a visit to the American Fancier Farm. Mr. Weed describes the colony house and all we can add is: It was built for business on as economical a plan as possible, consistent with proper arrangement and suitable material for covering roof and insides. It will be noticed that there is no glass in front of coop; neither is there any on the sides and back. To place glass in such a coop would defeat its best feature, viz: Shed and house combined. In severe cold weather a curtain door of muslin can be used, but with a southern exposure in such a climate as Southern New Jersey no muslin is needed except possibly at night in very severe cold. These combination house-shed-colony-coops are especially adapted for bantams. They can be readily moved to any spot or place, require very little care in keeping clean or in feeding, as the hopper system of dry feeding in winter is proven to be excellent. The hardest work is in the watering of the stock. This may seem strange to average Wall Street financiers, but it is the most difficult problem on the poultry farm. More time is wasted watering chickens in small and impracticable fountains than is commonly supposed.

Where running water is on the place the open trough system is the most practical and labor saving of any. If fountains must be used, take the large sizes; the small ones are toys and may please the children, but never the cold blooded and sensible fellow that has to do the chores. The cost of these piano box coops must be determined by the builder. One piano box costs two dollars. Two make a coop and leave some material over for roosting platforms and doors. Any good roofing paper will answer for the roof, while inside vermin proof paper can be procured at a fairly reasonable cost. We use the three-ply for roof and two-ply for insides. Red Silica paint costs seventy-four cents a gallon, and is the best for outside work, we have used. No paint is needed on the inside if the proper paper is used. The platforms under roosts can be kept sprinkled with land plaster and cleaned once a week. This mixture is one of the best natural fertilizers known. Placed in barrels and kept from the rain it will improve with age, never losing its most valuable ingredient—ammonia. Chickens raised and kept in such coops will have the vigor, stamina and condition nature's laws intended, for they are close to mother earth and in the open air at all times. It goes without saying that they should have plenty of range and pure scoured grain to eat.

The busy season for the chicken fancier is a closed book for the present. Hatching chickens, except bantams, has ceased, and the coming months of July and August are devoted to the development and growth of the youngsters afield and in small-er enclosures. The fancier takes a rest and a vacation, if he is fortunate enough to find the ready cash to take him to the ocean blue or the mountains high; if not supplied with the necessary lucre, he takes a sum-

mer nap at home. In both cases the subjects most dear to him are temporarily forgotten in the dull season, and, in consequence, there is little or no news for the poultry papers to chronicle. But the publications devoted to the feathered tribe must go on just the same. New readers spring up even in the torrid spell, and as the young are the most enthusiastic at the early stage of the game, the weather has little or no effect on their ambition. They are looking forward to the coming show season with the same interest as a boy looks up a new toy. They are preparing while some of the old fellows are sleeping. Many birds are sold at this season for future delivery in the fall, and the shrewd advertiser realizes this fact and keeps his advertisement attractive and tempting, even at a time that most breeders deem unprofitable. As a rule better terms can be made when business is slack. This is a gentle hint to those that had stock for sale. Advertise early and often. It wins out every time.



MR. A. L. SPARKS.

President of the Fanciers' Association of New Jersey.

Mr. A. O. Schilling, animal artist of renown, and bantam specialist, has left the Windy city and is at his home, Rochester, N. Y., to enjoy a well-earned vacation. Mr. Schilling will, before returning to Chicago, visit a number of noted farms in interest of the Frank B. White Company, the firm he is employed by. We may look for some excellent pictorial work in White's Class Advertising next season.

At a meeting of the directors of the Fanciers' Association of New Jersey, held at Newark, N. J., June 21, A. L. Sparks, of Swanton, was elected President; Miles Hanchett, Treasurer, and T. Farrer Rackham, Secretary and Superintendent. This is a very strong triumvirate, one that will do well for the two great shows to be held under the auspices of the splendid Society that has made it famous. The Trenton show in September and the Newark show in February will be run on strictly fancier lines, and place New Jersey in the front rank of advanced poultry exhibitions, especially with such well managed shows as Rutherford, Paterson and Englewood to complete the State list.

In electing Mr. Sparks to the Presidency of the New Jersey Association, a well deserved honor was conferred upon him. There is no more earnest, sincere and honorable fancier in the United States than one old "Deacon Ivory" Sparks, as he is known to his many friends. He is a worker whose labors count. There are no dull

moments around when the Deacon is on hand. He just dropped in for a few hours talk at the office of the American Fancier last Friday, and they were the liveliest busy hours we had since the Madison Square Garden Show. Sparks had been corked up away down on his Swanton ranch, somewhere near Atlantic Ocean, and a point not clearly defined on a railroad map, for nearly five months, consequently he had much to tell. And when he starts a chicken story its all off with other business. It is just the talk real fanciers enjoy. White Wyandottes, of course, are still the prime favorite with the Deacon, and he has nearly five hundred youngsters of the White beauties, ranging over his alfalfa fields, some big enough to show. But when it comes to White Wyandotte Bantams, Deacon's eyes sparkle and he grows enthusiastic. After some five years experimenting and selection he has secured the desired type, and with it the requisite smallness of size. It is an interesting story, which we hope to give our readers shortly, regarding the origin and history of these new comers in the bantam alley. We expect to visit Mr. Sparks at his home in a few weeks, and look over his plant, which is one of the best equipped in the Mosquito State. We will also give our readers an idea what one man can do in running such a plant alone and make a success of it.

One topic President Sparks is very much interested in is: The incorporation of the American Poultry Association, and his views on this subject are very emphatic and interesting. They would place the old society on a sound business basis, prevent the itinerant excursions annually, and do away with the electioneering tactics of interested candidates for the official plums. As these opinions of Mr. Sparks are shared by many others, we may look for a resolution incorporating the American Poultry Association on such lines as indicated above, at the next annual meeting. Being a radical change, it may not appeal to members at first, but good common sense and sober second thought should convince the serious and thinking element of its absolute necessity and great benefit.

The American Poultry Association is a power for good in the poultry business. It may be a power for evil in the minds of some, who judge it only by the mistakes it has made, and not the good it has accomplished. That the Society has deserved criticism, no fair man will deny; that it is wholly inefficient or even detrimental to the interests of poultry culture is only believed by those who are either ignorant of the work it has done, or who are educated beyond their own intellect. The American hen is a very important factor in the prosperity of this big country, and the American Poultry Association can well feel proud of her and her importance. Mr. F. D. Coburn, famous as the Secretary of the Board of Agriculture of the State of Kansas, and as keen and original writer on all farm and live stock topics, once came out in print with a report on the hen, entitled "The Helpful Hen," and this was published in a period of depression and hard times. His glowing tribute to this useful member of the barnyard has become famous:

The hen; while everything else was going to rack and ruin, she increased and multiplied; she supported herself and the family, too. The very insects which would have despoiled the farm she fattened upon, laying her daily egg—the blessed egg that took the place of beef and milk, mutton and pork—and in good time, after all these services, surrendered her toothsome body to the cause of humanity. I am in favor of making the hen a national issue. Let us discard from our coat of arms the eagle and put a cock rampant and a hen couchant, with a golden field emblazoned with eggs and the motto: "We keep the pot boiling, and don't you forget it."

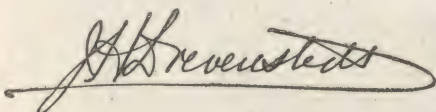
This is a classic. It will do well for the detractors and scoffers to just and think what the poultry business of America really amounts to. It may make some of the shallow minded and weak kneed poultry raisers brace up a bit and be good and kind to the old hen, even when she sometimes fails to "win a jackpot" for her careless and unthinking owner.

If the practical end of the poultry business is growing more important every day, fancy poultry culture is on the same road, and its importance is far greater than the uninitiated have any idea of. Thousands are now engaged in breeding standard bred stock, where several decades ago only hundreds were active in it. Fanciers and breeders have multiplied rapidly, and there are many successful plants in operation to-day, where pure varieties of fowl are bred for revenue principally. With some it has become an exclusive business, and a means to earn a livelihood; with others it furnishes a side line that brings in good additions to the income. It is these breeders and fanciers, and the small army of enthusiasts, that have just a few choice kinds to exhibit for pleasure, but are the bone and sinew of the fancy, and make the existence of poultry papers possible. As the fancy grows, so do the poultry papers. Compare the publications of twenty years ago with those of to-day, and a most eloquent testimonial of the wonderful growth of standard bred poultry culture is in evidence.

We regret to say that there are those, and they not by any means few in numbers, who sneer at the fancy, condemn the fanciers and the business in general. Some of these malcontents are the ultra-practical advocates, the believers in nondescript barnyard, who cannot see any value in a hen except the price its carcass or the output in eggs brings. The real successful practical poultry raisers uses poultry of a standard bred variety, most suitable to his business. There is another class of half-way fanciers who are not successful in producing anything good for either show room or market, that add their little cry of condemnation. They are easily forgotten and taken at their real value when they do their shouting. Others again condemn the business on general principles, and for pure cussedness. They rarely see anything good in the business, or in the men engaged in it. As they seldom stop to examine very closely into the character of the men engaged in the business, it is charitable to place the blame on their own ignorance of the existing facts. It is a very simple and easy to con-

demn a business and attack the integrity and honesty of fanciers by mouth; it is a horse of very different color to prove it. Such careless talk is often rampant at poultry shows, and while a disappointed exhibitor may be temporarily aroused and call harsh names, as well as to damn everybody connected with the business, there is at least some excuse for it, considering his mental condition at the time. He feels worse than the other fellows he pounded when he gets over his "mad." The poultry fanciers of America average as well in honesty and integrity as any other set of individuals engaged in similar and different fancies or vocations. This every broad minded and just observer will admit. That their are rogues in the fancy all equally fair-minded men will not deny. But where is there a business on earth to-day that does not contain its quota of "black sheep" among its followers? To judge by the revelations in insurance, beef and Standard Oil investigations, and the more recent reprehensible discoveries in the adulterations of pure foods (?) the fanciers of America are as a whole, a white robed cluster of angels, compared with the unscrupulous gang of grafters that juggle with the people's health and money.

Our Pacific coast correspondent, Mr. H. H. Collier, of Tacoma, Washington, sends an interesting item regarding the big fair to be held in Seattle in 1909. Harry tells it in his own words on another page of this issue, and we can assure our readers that there will be something worth looking forward to when the bell rings in 1909, and some of the Eastern boys are bound for Seattle. It might do the old A. P. A. good to get out in that growing country. No doubt some of the members, with a purpose, are beginning to lay pipes now for the little trip in 1909.



BROWN AT BOSTON.

Professor Edward Brown, the famous poultry lecturer and expert, now on a visit in this country, was a guest at the meeting of the Boston Suburban Poultry Club recently and the following remarks by Mr. Brown reprinted from our esteemed contemporary, The American Stockkeeper, will prove interesting to our readers:

Mr. Brown was introduced as one of England's best known poultrymen, and his remarks were very interesting and brought out a statement as to a feeling in England so entirely different to what exists in this country among the poultry breeders. He stated that in his country there is a strong antagonism between the fancier and the practical poultry breeder. For 55 years, he said, breeding in England had been almost entirely on fancy lines and utility had been sacrificed, but for all that the breeding of fancy poultry has been a great moral factor and of great benefit to large masses of the population, giving them a pleasure and keeping their minds from, perhaps, what might be morally injurious. He referred to England being a small island with a large population, therefore some years ago they began to realize that the farmers could not compete with the large wheat fields of Am-

erica and must look ahead for some other income.

The English farmers used to think little of poultry and left it to the wives, and at that time the care of the poultry was looked upon as woman's work. They began to consider this matter after the agricultural depression of some years ago and turned to poultry. They are now working on the utility side, and Mr. Brown believes it is possible to keep the beauty of the fowls and not injure the practical points. No fowl that fails in its practical value will survive its popularity.

Speaking of this endeavor to bring up the poultry industry in England he said: "We are passing from one condition to another, having started very low. Years ago there were a few hens around every farmhouse and little cared for, and we have passed to a condition with increase in numbers and improvement in economic qualities.

To-day we have improved poultry and enormously increased the production and added dollars to the farmers' pockets. Owing to the congested space in our country when we began to develop fowls on our farms in quantities, we were confronted with epidemic diseases as the increase in numbers was not followed up by proper sanitation, and this matter had to receive special attention.

Portable houses are largely used and moved about, as our yards are not nearly the size of what you have in America. Our climate conditions are also much different, and we cannot do the same with poultry that you can. I do not believe it is possible to breed as nice White Wyandottes in England as you can in America, neither do I think you can breed as good Buff Orpingtons as we can in England.

Last winter only six nights did we have more than 12 degrees of frost, and we did not have 24 hours of snow during the whole winter, and hardly a day but what grass made some growth. The thermometer rarely goes over 85, but we have much damp weather. That is why a different sanitary system is necessary. Mr. Brown said that 20 years ago France was at the head in poultry matters among the European nations, to-day she stands fourth with no advance in the industry.

Denmark 25 years ago did scarcely anything in the poultry line, but is now one of the wonders in that industry. England has added vastly and Belgium and Hungary are also improving. The other nations show scarcely any improvement. Mr. Brown said that the American breeds have helped the English breeder, and that the White Wyandotte had done much for them.

To have eggs in plenty the year around, save the earliest hatched pullets for laying; give as great a variety of food as possible, and as much as they will eat; give green and animal food in winter, and keep the hens quiet and comfortable; fresh and clean water is indispensable.

Avoid stuffing to fatness the aged breeders. They need good food, but much less of it than while breeding. All they require is what is necessary, in light diet, to keep them in good health. Naturally all the Asiatics incline to fatten internally in hot weather. This must be avoided. They are matured in growth, and it is desirable only that they retain their flesh well, but do not need to be fattened.

SHOWS NOT GOING BACK.

(From American Stock-Keeper.)

We recently ran across a man who claimed that poultry shows are going back. We took issue with him, claiming that they are going forward very rapidly. Take our big fall fairs, for instance. The Brockton fair last year, even with three buildings, were unable to coop the birds entered in this space, and were obliged to put some specimens outside under a temporary roof. Danbury fair had a big entry; Trenton fair was so crowded with entries that coops in some instances were three tiers high. Then turn to the winter shows and down in Maine, we find the entries at Portland filling the City Hall and annex. The entries at the exhibition of the Brockton Poultry Association filled the hall and the gallery. Lynn had one of the finest shows ever held there, and it packed the main hall and galleries. Plymouth had a fine show that filled the Armory; Peterboro, N. H., had a splendid exhibition, all the Connecticut shows were well supported, New York had the biggest entry in its history and the Boston show filled the grand and machinery halls of the great Mechanics' Building, even when conflicting with the meeting of the American Poultry Association, which took several hundred birds away, owing to the question of admitting Rose Comb Rhode Reds to the Standard. The interest is by no means abating, in fact it is still on the increase and we look for still larger and better shows the coming winter.

How noticeable has been the rise in quality in the classes at our fall fairs. It seems but a few years ago when the poultry exhibit at these fairs was made up largely of exhibits by parties who made it a business to buy up birds of different varieties, and ship them by freight on a circuit of these fairs. Now the quality of the several classes has increased to a point where the poultry huckster finds that competition is so strong that he cannot scoop in the dollars he was able to in former years, and that being his whole object he has been put down and out. The shows are better and these parties are not missed, for new fanciers have come on to the stage and elevated the tone of the shows and brought out cleaner and better exhibits.

The real amount of damage done by lice and parasites generally on poultry is not commonly known. With nine-tenths of the people, whenever a fowl dies, it is said to be from cholera, whereas the true cause at the bottom is much more likely to be vermin or roup.

In pleasant weather two meals a day with what they will get foraging, will be sufficient for turkeys until fall, when, if they are intended for Thanksgiving, they should be fed all they will eat at least three times a day with a variety of food. Boiled pumpkins with meal makes a dish much relished by them.

There is one thing which nature does not supply, and which civilization renders quite necessary for fowls. It is charcoal. Charcoal made of wood does not answer the purpose; it has no taste of food, is not attractive to fowls, and is seldom eaten. But if any one will put an ear of ripe corn into the fire until the grains are well charred, and then shell off the corn and throw it to the flock, he will see an eagerness developed, and a healthy constitution also.

Pigeon Fancy, Flying and Pet Stock

EDITED BY H. M. POCKMAN

We hear that the Winnipeg Industrial Exhibition will be managed by Dr. Bell. The Doctor has worked faithfully for the Toronto Exposition, and has made that exhibition second to none. With a man of such popularity and experience at the wheel, Winnipeg is assured of success.

The San Francisco Pigeon Club will hold a challenge exhibition December 11-14, 1906. They expect to have a record entry for the Pacific Coast.

Mr. Otto Hauser is to be congratulated on winning the historic Metropolitan Concourse Race.

Mr. F. W. Davis, of the Manhattan District, unfortunately could not trap his bird in the concourse race, in time to be with the leaders. His blue checker hen, L33682, arrived home at 3:30 P. M., but could not be induced to enter loft until 5:09 P. M. This is rather discouraging when one has trained so faithfully as Mr. Davis.

The pigeon fancy on the Coast is only in its infancy, but is rapidly growing. During the past year many sales have been made by fanciers in the East to this section. The climate is ideal for the pigeon industry and before many years, believe we will see exhibitions which will compare favorably with our New York, Boston and Chicago Shows.

A plan is now in progress of sending an American team of pigeons to the Crystal Palace (England) Show. The expense for an individual to send across is so great as to block most fanciers from exhibiting on the other side. But by sending a team composed of different lofts, the expense can be greatly reduced. Now let us hear from all those who have the nerve to compete with our English cousins on their own battleground. Remember many a Crystal Palace winner has met its "Waterloo" at our big fixtures, so have courage.

Rutherford, N. J., is again in the van with another Poultry and Pigeon Show, Dec. 20-23, 1906. This exhibition is run on very liberal lines, well managed, caged by Spratts, and with its inducing list of specials should have a good turnout.

Favorable reports from fanciers regarding their 1906 crop is most encouraging. The coming show season should be a record breaker, both for quality and quantity. If the specialty clubs will only distribute the specials at the different associations, many interesting gatherings can be made.

July first, voting slips for judge and place of meeting of the Eastern

Fantail Club will be mailed to all members, to be returned by August first. The Committee on Specials, composed of Messrs. Samuel Johnson, President; I. A. Havemeyer, First Vice-President; George E. Rowland, Second Vice-President, and H. M. Pockman, Secretary, will arrange the list by September 1, to be printed in pamphlet form and mailed to all members. The club will offer valuable specials at New York, Boston and Chicago. A list of novice specials will also be added.

Iron may be given with the drinking water as a medium, or with the grit. If the former is preferred, a few grains of citrate of iron and quinine may be mixed with the water every day, or a piece of sulphate of iron about as large as a hazel nut to each gallon of water. The iron tones and enriches the blood, and assists most materially in the deposition of color.

Linseed oil and iron both assist in tightening the feathers. This in the show pen is most valuable consideration.

Linseed oil can be easily given in a capsule.

Fanciers who have been most careful to shield their birds from the sun during the height of the summer, yet careless after August is past, thinking the sun's rays are declining in power, and there is no need of such care as they have been exercising. This is a mistake. During the greatness of the summer heat the birds themselves seek shade more or less, but now, when the sun is not so powerful for so many hours, and when the loft is not so warm, they come out and bask in the sunshine during the part of the day when it is strongest. The direct force of the sun catches the late feathers which are coming through robs them of their color, and the result is a patchiness and unevenness of coloring which is most annoying, inasmuch as

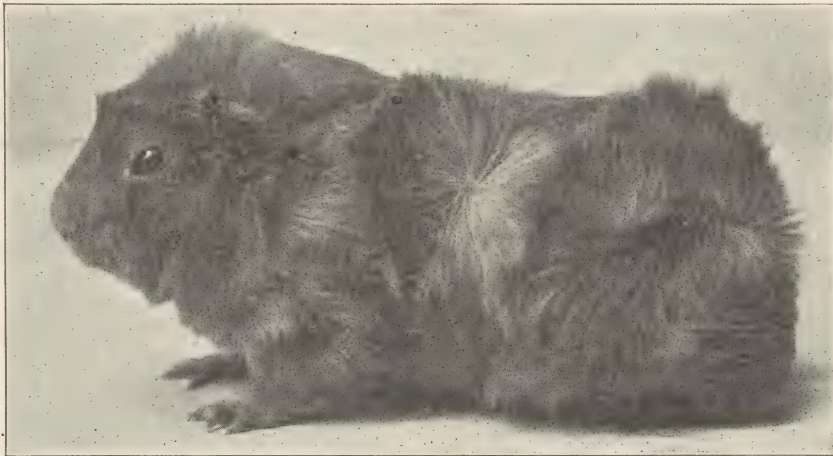
the bird so damaged is in many varieties absolutely useless in the show pen. This applies principally to birds of delicate color—duns, silvers, reds, and yellows especially.

Blues and blacks are not so greatly affected, but even with them the result is quite the reverse of beneficial to the color. Pigeons of white plumage are the only ones not affected detrimentally by the scorching rays of the sun, but all other colors suffer more or less. It is strange and peculiar that flowers and plants are intensified and beautified in color by exposure to the sun's influences, but pigeons and poultry have to be protected from Old Sol's power if their richness and beauty of coloring is to be preserved.

CAVIES.

W. R. Brown in Poultry Advocate.

Give your covies bread, either dry or soaked in milk by way of a change. Boiled potatoes may also be given to them. Do not feed apples or apple parings unless you give them oats at the same time, but I advise you not to use apples at all. I have lost some grand Abyssinians by feeding too many apples. It is best to take the male away before the sow kindles, else he may be apt to run over the young and kill them. In three weeks, however, the young are capable of taking care of themselves but they do not obtain their full size for several months. The hutch should be cleaned frequently and dry straw or hay given as litter. I



ABYSSINIAN CAVY.

find sawdust makes a very fine litter. These pets are harmless, inoffensive animals without any vice and free from dirt or offensive smell. Their flesh is not good to eat and their hair or fur no good to sell. They are raised simply for pets but thousands are bought by medical men for scientific purposes and perhaps in the vicinity of a large hospital it may pay to breed them on a large scale for these doctors, but only the cheaper varieties would need to be bred for this purpose.

PATAGONIAN RABBITS.

(W. R. Brown, in Poultry Advocate.)

The Patagonian rabbits are readily distinguished from all other pure breeds by the formation of their ears, which are stout and short and lop over at the tops only, a characteristic which in any other breed is invariably considered a great fault, but in the Patagonian ranks as a point, the round head, too, differs from any other known rabbit. It is what can be described as a bullet head, with immense eyes set widely apart, and a larger

mouth than that possessed by other members of the species. In shape the creature is somewhat uncommon, also, its shoulders being comparatively narrow, while its hips are enormously broad and the hind legs very long and powerful. Twelve pounds is the average weight of an adult Patagonian, and, of course, the larger it is the better, while in color it greatly resembles the Flemish Giant, but with a marked appearance of mottling along its sides and back. These creatures are splendid pets, being amiable and docile, and not nearly so mischievous as their smaller and more active brethren. Patagonian rabbits are very popular with English fanciers and in this country the only ones we have seen were imported from England.

COLOUR OF ENGLISH OWLS

W. E. Cade in Pigeons and Poultry.

I do not agree with "Shah" that pied specimens should not be shown. I am in favour of as many colours as possible. Look at the Tumbler and the Magpie fanciers—what a variety of colours they have! If a pied specimen cannot be shown, what use are they? If you have them in the breeding loft, it is most likely the best bird you breed in a season is pied. I noticed at Mr. Brayshaw's sale that good sound coloured birds in some cases made 10s. each, but one of these pied specimens made nearly 20 pounds!

Twenty-five or thirty years ago several fanciers wrote condemning black and dun Owls, and some of our judges at that time passed them altogether, stating that a black or dun should not be shown. Messrs. Lister, Carter, Mawson, Board, Stretch, myself, and another or two, stuck to these colours, but it was not until a big gun, Mr. A. Gillett, showed them, that they took on. If we had been ruled by some, and killed these off colours, the lovely duns of to-day would have been none est. I do not see why a bird with a pied head should not win as well as a blue with a white rump.

Our friend complains of the colours of a blue and a silver being alike. A blue or a silver are distinct, but the powdered birds are possibly nearer alike, particularly the powdered silver. The powdered birds are very nice, particularly the powdered blue, if nicely frosted. I prefer one to a dark coloured blue. We have still an opening for some more colours—blue and silver chequer, red chequer, red and yellow barred mealies, and whites. Years ago we used to see a few nice whites, shown by Messrs. Shaw, Fulton, Carelin, etc. They seem to have changed their name to "African."

PIGEON FLYING.

Successful Event Held by the Metropolitan Concourse Race Association.—Other Flights.

The annual five hundred mile old bird race of the Metropolitan Concourse Race Association, comprising the Districts of Manhattan, Paterson, Union, Essex and Staten Island was flown from Statesville, N. C., on June 23d. The birds were liberated by Mr. R. K. Murdock, who wired: "Birds liberated 4:45 A. M., clear; wind from southwest; fine start." At home the weather conditions were showers; with the wind holding steady from south to southwest. The result being a fast race, and surprising to the members competing, it being the most successful race ever flown, the first arriving at 3:14 P. M.; fully sev-

per cent of the birds being reported home the same day. Competition three hundred and twenty-one birds, from thirty lofts, reporting as follows:

Loft and District	Speed in Yards Per Minute
Otto Hauser, Union.....	1,385.40
J. H. Thompson, Staten Island.....	1,364.28
James Collins, Manhattan.....	1,357.07
Adolph Busch, Staten Island.....	1,357.06
H. I. Bush, Staten Island.....	1,355.95
Geo. G. Hallock, Manhattan.....	1,352.28
Paul F. Miller, Manhattan.....	1,350.92
Bernard Reth, Manhattan.....	1,350.08
Eli Moreton, Essex.....	1,348.10
J. W. Booth, Essex.....	1,345.35
L. Eberle, Essex.....	1,342.48
Loesch Bros., Essex.....	1,332.32
J. Perry, Paterson.....	1,331.64
Theo. Hurlbusch, Manhattan.....	1,311.86
August Bach, Manhattan.....	1,294.54
J. V. Hoerning, Manhattan.....	1,293.53
H. S. Greenwood, Essex.....	1,279.61
A. Friend, Union.....	1,277.16
John Meyer, Manhattan.....	1,263.80
Strom & Bente, Manhattan.....	1,231.23
Davis & Schmidt, Manhattan.....	1,195.88
Geo. F. Kuett, Paterson.....	1,181.70
Fred Anderson, Paterson.....	1,151.31
n. Thompson, Paterson.....	1,142.64
W. Cisco, Paterson.....	1,138.76
Mack Bros., Essex.....	1,127.79
R. Rasmussen, Staten Island.....	1,089.74
Wm. F. Reider, Union.....	1,021.33
F. Feid, Union.....	No report
H. E. Walker, Staten Island.....	No report

Diploma winners and fifty-cent pool: O. Hauser, J. H. Thompson, James Collins. Twenty-five cent pool: G. G. Hallock, Eli Moreton. Auction pool: W. F. Reider.

JOHN FISHER,
Chairman Race Committee.

West Side District, National Federation.
The three hundred mile race of the old bird series of West Side District, N. F. A. H. P. was flown on Sunday, June 10, 1906; ninety-one birds competing. Weather at start, clear; wind, slight southeast; at home, clear; wind, west; liberated at 6:30 A. M. by R. L. Woodworth:

Owner	Speed in Yards Per Minute
Fellows & Walker.....	1,226.23
John P. Young.....	1,223.83
Fellows & Walker.....	1,218.55
Knox & Betts.....	1,215.57
Knox & Betts.....	1,206.71
George C. Peters.....	1,181.49
George C. Peters.....	1,180.47
Louis Viedt.....	1,163.24

JOHN F. KNOX,
Race Secretary.

Queen City District, National Federation.
The one hundred mile race of the old bird series of the Queen City District, N. F., was flown on May 13, 1906; thirty-three birds competing. Weather at start, clear; wind, northeast; at home, clear; wind, south; liberated at Mitchell, Ind., by E. Massaman:

Owner	Speed in Yards Per Minute
Chas. Ellsworth.....	1,162
Jule Grosse.....	1,159
A. M. Cline.....	1,109
Jule Grosse.....	1,091
A. M. Kline.....	966

The two hundred mile race of the old bird series of the Queen City District, N. F., was flown on May 20, 1906; three hundred and thirty-one birds competing. Weather at start, clear; wind, east; at home, clear, wind northeast; liberated at Flora, Ill., by Mr. Tate:

Owner	Speed in Yards Per Minute
Chas. Ellsworth.....	900.18
Chas. Ellsworth.....	883.36
L. Farquhar.....	848.20
M. Kline.....	829.44
Farquhar.....	827.65
M. Kline.....	825.91
Jule Grosse.....	628.66

The three hundred mile race of the old bird series of Queen City District, N. F., was flown on May 26, 1906; thirty-four birds competing. Weather at start, fair; wind, south; at home, fair; wind, southwest; liberated at Alton, Ill., by Mr. Browning:

Owner	Speed in Yards Per Minute
L. Farquhar.....	1,069.70
Chas. Ellsworth.....	1,068.12
Jule Grosse.....	1,067.58
L. Farquhar—3 birds.....	1,062.97
Jule Grosse.....	1,039.65
Chas. Ellsworth—2 birds.....	1,038.80
A. M. Klein.....	1,032.00
A. M. Klein—2 birds.....	908.00

The four hundred mile race of the old bird series of the Queen City District, N. F., was flown on June 2, 1906; twelve birds competing. Weather at start, clear; wind, none; at home, clear; wind, northwest; liberated at Fulton, Mo., by W. E. Jamison:

Owner	Speed in Yards Per Minute
as. Ellsworth.....	1,069
as. Ellsworth.....	1,063

Chas. Ellsworth.....1,063
Chas. Ellsworth.....1,043
The only arrivals in the day.
A. M. KLEIN,
Race Secretary.

Wellesley (Mass.) District, National Federation.

The four hundred mile race was flown from Niagara Falls, N. Y., June 10th. Liberated at 5:10; weather conditions perfect. At home clear until late afternoon when a terrific storm broke. But five birds homed same day:

Owner	Speed in Yards Per Minute
F. C. Hersey, Jr.....	1,083.39
F. C. Hersey, Jr.....	1,032.24
H. Wagner.....	970.80
F. C. Hersey, Jr.....	Two day record
J. Heald.....	No report
W. Webb.....	No report
W. A. Hersey.....	No report
H. McMath.....	No report

The three hundred mile race was flown from Lyons, N. Y., June 3; eleven lofts, seventy-eight birds, competing. Liberated by J. F. Robinson at 7:30; clear, wind west; at home, the same. Winner broke the District record for this distance.

Owner	Speed in Yards Per Minute
F. C. Hersey, Jr.....	1,441.41
H. Wagner.....	1,428.08
F. C. Hersey, Jr.....	1,426.00
W. A. Hersey.....	1,419.09
W. Webb.....	1,395.59
R. Paton.....	1,394.30
J. Heald.....	1,375.59
J. Heald.....	1,362.82
H. Wagner.....	1,344.03
G. E. Esterbrook.....	1,091.37
H. McMath.....	1,066.99
C. A. Enholm.....	929.14
E. E. Atwood.....	No report
E. D. Sladen.....	No report

F. C. HERSEY, JR.,
Race Secretary.

West Side District, National Federation.

The West Side District, National Federation American Homing Pigeon Fanciers flew the four hundred mile old bird race from Morehead, Ky., recently. The birds were released by Official Liberator, A. L. Miller, who wired: "Birds liberated 5:30 A. M. Weather clear." The following list shows the positions in the race, the first and second birds being diploma winners:

Owner	Speed in Yards Per Minute
Fellows & Walker.....	1,085.98
Knox & Betts.....	1,068.06
Fellows & Walker.....	1,066.67
Knox & Betts.....	1,048.79
John P. Young.....	1,043.78
George C. Peters.....	956.31

Visalia Homing Club, National Federation

The one hundred mile race of the Visalia Homing Pigeon Club, N. F. A. H. P. F., was flown on April 29, 1906, from Merced, Calif. There were one hundred and forty-six birds competing, and the weather was cloudy with wind against them. Result as follows:

Owner	Speed in Yards Per Minute
R. Jordan.....	905.19
S. Vucovich.....	888.56
J. Luhdorff.....	859.77
L. Luhdorff.....	823.25
H. C. Locey.....	803.13
S. Vucovich.....	702.49

The two hundred mile race was flown on May 6, 1906, from Sacramento, Calif.; one hundred and seven birds competing; atmosphere clear, with light wind against the birds:

Owner	Speed in Yards Per Minute
R. Jordan.....	1,242.62
S. Vucovich.....	1,242.59
J. Luhdorff.....	1,233.47
J. Luhdorff.....	1,154.55
S. Vucovich.....	1,150.16
H. C. Locey.....	1,109.64
R. Chatten, Jr.....	1,100.72

Plainfield (N. J.) District, National Federation.

The five hundred mile old bird race of the Plainfield, N. J., N. F., was flown June 23, 1906, from Newton, N. C. Birds liberated 4:45 A. M.; northeast wind at start; heavy rain and hail at home:

Owner	Speed in Yards Per Minute
D. C. Anderson.....	1,179.05
M. B. Mellor.....	1,136.00
M. B. Mellor.....	1,106.00
M. B. Mellor, 10 birds.....	2d day record
D. C. Anderson, 6 birds.....	2d day record
F. C. Brunner, 3 birds.....	2d day record
W. J. Taylor, 3 birds.....	2d day record

This gives M. B. Mellor general average diploma for old bird races: 1,217.93 yards.

M. B. MELLOR,
Race Secretary.

Pigeons Flight Across Indiana.

From the Evansville Courier.

E. Lathrop, who on Sunday morning, at 5:15 o'clock, loosed eighty homing pigeons belonging to a South

Bend Club, in Sunset Park, has received a letter from the birds' owners telling him of their flight.

A pigeon belonging to J. Korunsoki arrived home first, having made the 275 miles from here to South Bend in 7 hours, 36 minutes, 45 seconds, an average of almost thirty-seven miles an hour. Three birds belonging to another man came in 10 seconds later. Within the next four minutes fifteen more birds arrived home. Of the eighty birds every one made the trip, and at ten o'clock Sunday night all were in their nests.

LAY OF THE COMMUTER.

(J. K. P. in N.Y. World.)

When Patterson set his Plymouth Rock the band began to play, For Patterson squandered ninety cents in drinks and things that day; Invited a bunch of his friends to dine on the broilers he would raise, And his friends—he had bought them all a drink—uplifted a song of praise.

For Patterson told of the mighty fowls that would hatch from the Plymouth Rock.

And he told of the wonderful home-grown chicks, with never a thought of shock.

For three full weeks he went his way, inviting his friends to dine, And telling his joy in his country life and talked of "those hens of mine." He told of the marvellous Plymouth Rock he had set on the eggs 13, And how she was hatching the broilers out—the best he had ever seen.

Then one sad day went Patterson to view the prospect o'er; He discovered his mighty Plymouth Rock had decided to sit no more. So eggs will spoil in spite of toil, though wonderful things were planned, And all because of the Plymouth Rock who never could understand.

THE ENTOMOLOGIST'S REGRET.

From the New York Sun.

An entomologist while out
Exploring for a bug
Was startled by an animal
With a peculiar mug.

"I wonder what this is," he said,
"A bird or beast?—alas,
I fear I cannot make it out—
It does not fit my glass.

"Tis not unlike a creature of
The gyascutis sort—
I notice that its starboard legs
Are longer than the port.

"Ah, if it were a talking beast,
Or bird, or any old
Created thing with language, what
A tail it might unfold!"

Froggie to the Rescue.

One day a couple of my friends were sitting on the river bank when they heard the cry of a frog in distress. Following the direction from which the sound came they discovered a snake in the act of swallowing a frog.

Just then another frog, evidently attracted by the distressing cries of its mate in jeopardy, hopped up to the scene of action. For a moment it sat blinking at the enemy, then it leaped forward, seized the snake by the neck and tugged it into the river.

The water quickly poured between the snake's distended jaws, and it was, of course, compelled to release its victim in order to escape drowning. This it promptly did and the liberated frog swam away with its plucky mate, while the baffled snake wriggled as best it could to the shore.—M. Albertus Coverdell in Woman's Home Companion.

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Farm, Field and Garden

BY G. O. BROWN

It would seem that there is a good chance for some of the northern or eastern States to raise small flint corn for pigeons with considerable profit. The western and southern corn is too large a grain for pigeons, and does not possess the flinty character so very desirable.

The American Agriculturist urges farmers to work out co-operation schemes which it feels "will carry profit and satisfaction to the community." A trade journal recently showed how co-operation was benefitting farmers in many foreign countries. These co-operations include nearly all branches of farming, and even farmers' banks have been established. If the American farmers would work in combination they could get any legislature they want. Lots of farmers are good crop raisers but very poor sellers of their products. With co-operation these farmers would secure better prices.

The packers have informed the farmers that the over-fat lard type hog has probably had its day. The American trade is now calling for heavier and smaller hams. Hogs that are now designated as of the bacon type are in consequence in good demand. No doubt this class of pork is more healthy as well as palatable than the over-fat kinds.

In putting hay in the mow it is well to also put a layer of wheat or rye straw, of two inches depth, in every layer of hay two feet thick. The hay will cure much better, with an improved flavor that will be relished by the stock, and it makes the straw almost as palatable as the best quality of hay, which, as a matter of economy, is well worth the time and trouble attending it.

An exchange truly says: "Repeated experiment has proved that the practice of applying large quantities of manure to the acre on a limited space making it necessary to leave much of the land unmanured, does not pay. Many farmers never apply less than twenty tons of stable manure to the acre, saying that they prefer to do well what they do and let the remainder of the land take its chances.

Some of the agricultural institutions have concluded that heifers should not be bred until they are two years old. This is doubtless a wise departure, as cattle are generally not given enough time to properly mature, which surely results in loss of size and stamina.

A writer in the Maine Farmer says that the scours in calves produced by separator milk can be cured by allowing the calves to eat all the fresh, clean earth they wish. He brought a three months' old heifer calf around all right by the earth treatment, and now at four months' old she lines four feet two inches. The remedy is always at hand and is certainly dirt cheap.

You can get rid of that weary sarsaparilla feeling by garden exercise. "The man with the hoe" is always picturesque as much so in real life

as on canvas. There is a veritable health resort in the garden exercise and a very pleasant mind diversion, too.

Road dust is a very valuable absorbent in the stable and should be used in summer as its use lessens the odor in the stables. A couple of shovelfuls of dust at night with the bedding in a stall will surprise you with the results.

Now we have paper milk bottles. They are said to be used only once, and in that way perfect sanitary measures are under control.

Land plaster (gypsum) is valuable to use as an absorbent in stables and hen houses. A little handful around on the ground of the growing corn will be beneficial.

Watch for the currant worm on the currants and gooseberry bushes. Dust well on the under side of the leaves with air slaked lime if the pest is found.

Try some tobacco dust on the soil in the hills of cucumbers and squashes to keep away the striped and stink bug.

Every farm should have a houp vine or two. The hops come in for many uses, and the plant is often quite an ornament, which can be trained to hide unsightly places or objects.

Toads in the garden are valuable insect destroyers. Never allow the children to kill the toads—even if the killing of them doesn't make the cows give bloody milk and the children get warts—make them believe so if it will stop the slaughter. Land terrapin are also another friend to gardeners. They may eat the lower side of some strawberries, but they pay for them in insect killing.

An exchange says: Cut flowers will last much longer in water if the stalk is peeled. This is especially true in the case of any shrub plant. Succulent stalks may be split up the ends. This process expedites the absorption of water and keeps the plant fresh. The Japanese jab a bit of salt at the end of some blossoms to postpone the drooping which is occasioned by dryness.

Pear Varieties and the Blight.

A very interesting feature of recent studies of the pear blight at the Utah Station is the comparative freedom of certain varieties from this destructive disease. In the Station orchard where the blight is bad the Seckel pear bore a heavy crop and showed not a dead twig, while varieties all around them were badly blighted.

As regards freedom from the disease, the resistant varieties stood in the following order: Seckel, Kieffer, Tuiyson, Garber, Angouleme and Flemish Beauty. None of these varieties were badly affected. Varieties most subject to the disease were Idaho, Clapp's Favorite, Bartlett, Clairgeau. Most kinds which resisted the disease well were slow growing sorts, except the Kieffer, which is a rapid grower and was also free from the disease.

Remedies for Vegetable Poison.

Gerald McCarthy, N. C. Dept. Agri.

Animals and children frequently eat the stems and bulbs of poisonous plants, with fatal results. To know just what to do to relieve vegetable poisoning is highly important. For animals not much can be done. A draft of warm melted lard poured down the throat of the animal from a long necked bottle will generally relieve the pain and in most cases, when used soon after the effect of the poison becomes visible, will save the animal's life.

In case of children, a prompt emetic should be the first thing. Sulphate of zinc, from twenty to thirty grains in a cupful of warm water, is effective, as is a teaspoonful of mustard in a cup of warm water. After the emetic has acted, give some sweet oil, cream or fresh milk. If the pain is severe, from five to ten drops of laudanum may be added to the oil, cream or milk. If the patient becomes drowsy, give strong coffee or whiskey in small, repeated doses and keep patient walking. Children should be taught to avoid eating strange plants and stock should not be turned out too early, when hunger forces them to eat plants they instinctively avoid at other times.

For Rats and Mice.

The latest expedient for ridding a house of rats is the spraying of strong spirits of ammonia in holes and cracks in the sub base. Then spread the white of an egg on a cloth, sprinkle liberally with red pepper and tack over rat holes, pepper inside. White-wash made yellow with copperas, then applied thickly to the stones and rafters in a cellar, is also effective.

In a United States Bulletin, Professor W. D. Bigelow records that the "mealiness" of apples was found to be due largely to the softening of the middle lamella of the cell walls which occurs in the last stages of ripening. In "mealy" apples the cells under pressure are, for the most part, separated from one another, instead of being torn apart individually as in less mature fruit. Mealy apples may contain as much juice as apples not so ripe, but do not appear to because of the separation of the cells instead of their splitting or tearing apart in crushing.

Many eggs left in a hen's nest tend to induce sitting.

Where a large number of fowls are kept a two-story fowl-house is excellent.

Comfort is the concomitant of egg production, and food the great forerunner.

Hens should be killed when three years old, as they lay less eggs every year after the third.

Carolina tar applied on the cracks and joints of hen-houses is beneficial in a sanitary point of view.

Guinea fowls will keep bugs and insects off garden vines. They will not scratch like other fowls, or harm the most delicate plants.

The crumbs and scraps from the table and the parings and waste of vegetables, all of which usually go into the garbage barrel, will be relished by the hens and be manufactured by them into fresh eggs.

When will poultry breeders learn to furnish their fowls with material sufficient to form the requisite thickness of shell. Many have suffered loss by purchasing eggs with thin shells.

If farmers would make a practice of selling their chickens as soon as they become of a marketable size they could sell every month, from May until winter, and realize good profits.

No more valuable help can be procured in the gardens to disturb and destroy insects than a brood of ducks. They devour immense quantities of slugs and other injurious pests, and in their continual ranging disturb what they do not destroy.

Breeders the world over understand very well that continued neglect and constant breeding in-and-in will, in time, extinguish the vitality of any breed, and they understand quite as well that the opposite course will soon restore a breed to its original vigor.

Blow Persian insect powder through the hen's feathers with a small bellows; she will brood her chickens so after, and in twenty minutes all the lice will have left the family. To avoid their presence altogether, use the powder freely in the nests when the hens are sitting.

Nest boxes may be made sixteen to eighteen inches square, raised two feet above the floor (or ground) of the house. In front of these should be fastened a shelf, say eight inches wide, upon which the hen can mount easily to enter the boxes to lay. In each nest place one of those new carbolic nest-eggs (a most excellent thing, by the way), and keep these boxes always supplied with clean hay or short straw, for your laying fowls' constant accommodation.

A healthy fowl will drink fifteen to twenty times per day, and in a close coop or in hot weather still oftener. Therefore, when fowls are shipped, all possible pains should be taken to properly fasten water cups in the traveling cages.

During the summer, when the fowls must be shut up on account of their roving and mischief-making propensities, much of the ill effect of their imprisonment may be avoided if they are let out for a short time at evening.

Chickens should be allowed full liberty to run about at this season. They grow better thus, have needed exercise, and will thrive much better than is possible when penned up, however well they may be treated artificially.

The most desirable eggs for setting are those the freshest laid; but a liberal daily sprinkling of tepid water upon them when incubation is near its accomplishment—say a week before hatching—is an aid to the free issue of the chicks at maturity.

Don't be in a hurry to crowd the young chicks of the heavier breeds on to the roosts. Let them stay in the nursing coops until they outgrow them. These coops can be moved to a fresh spot every night, and they will always be fresh and clean inside.

To insure their domesticity, fowls should be visited often, treated with kindness, and cared for to such a degree that our attentions will be duly recognized and appreciated; and a friendship and familiarity will result obtainable in no other way.

Fumigate the hen houses in June. Wash out the old nests and cleanse the roosts. Keep the young stock out of doors at night as well as during the day. Give them well-sheltered perches upon which they may roost, but let them have the free air of heaven now for four months to come. They will prove hardier, more robust and healthier for it.

Animal food is needful for chickens.

Communications

ON TO SEATTLE.

Editor American Fancier:

On to Seattle will be the cry in 1909 when the great Alaska-Yukon-Pacific Exposition opens at Seattle. The dates of the big fair are June 6 to September 30, 1909. It may seem a long time off to some of The American Fancier readers, but it will be here before we know it. Director-General I. A. Nadeau promises great things for every one and the chickenmen can count themselves in, as Seattle never does anything by halves but she goes the whole hog or none. In the State of Washington we have four members of the American Poultry Association and I want to make that forty. We want the American Poultry Association to meet with us in Seattle and as a member of the American Poultry Association I want to be the first to extend that invitation. This fair is going to be an awakener for the people back east; we are going to show them something and that on a large scale. The poultry industry has always been a very small thing in the eyes of those who managed World Fairs, but we are starting early and if we push and hard work, will do any good, we will make the management of the big Seattle fair jump to the conclusion that the poultry industry of these United States is one of its "Huge" industries, and the men who are in it are up-to-date when it comes to fairs. What I want to see is a fair that will have birds from every State in the Nation and poultry from the "world" at large. This can be done if the proper effort is put forth and the Washington boys and girls are there with the effort.

I live in Tacoma, but I want to tell just a few of you—that Seattle is a big town, with big ideas and large surroundings. Tacoma is only 32 miles away. When you come out you can find more scenery and good things to eat than any other place in the great American country. It is an old saying here, that when the tide is out the table is set and the clams will come when you can call them. When it comes to fruit, we raise the best and in abundance. Mountain scenery on every corner and creeks just full of trout to be caught. We want all of the old time poultrymen to be with us and all of the new times to make the trip. There is room for all and the poultry prize list will pay you breeders way in Pullman cars if you can only come and take the blue ribbons and better still you can leave your prize winners here at long prices if you do not care to cart them home.

Don't forget the date, June 6 to September 30, 1909, and that we want the American Poultry Association to meet with us.

HARRY H. COLLIER.
Tacoma, Washington, June 15, 1906.

SPANISH AT NEW YORK.

Editor American Fancier:

A welcome visitor The American Fancier, June 16th issue, to hand this A. M. I noticed your editorial re "Wanted.—Good classes Spanish at New York show 1907." I might say the classification of Spanish at New York is against it as classes are only provided for male and female, al-

though full classes are provided for Silver Pencilled Plymouth Partridge Rocks or in other words, Single Combed Wyandottes, Red Dorkings, four varieties of Pit Game and C. M. in regard to above classification I might say I have written to Mr. Crawford two or three years in succession to have full classes provided and at Boston Show last January I spoke to him about it and his reply was that if I would guarantee an entry of four cocks, four hens, four cockerels, four pullets, he would have the classes put on. It is needless to say that I would not do that, but I offered that if they would put the classes on I would make an exhibit but he would not agree to that. I cannot see what difference it would make to the association. Mr. Crawford laid great stress on the "ad," etc., of his show, but with the success I have had at the Ontario, World's Fair and Boston, assisted by a little reminder in "The American Fancier," I have no trouble in getting rid of all surplus stock and eggs. I can also verify from practical experience your comments on Spanish, La Fleche and add Creve Couers and Dorkings to the list.

J. H. WARRINGTON.
Cornwall, Ontario, June 20, 1906.

CAPONS AND CAPONIZING.

By Charles J. Pilling.

Capons are aptly termed the "finest chicken meat in the world" for their is nothing growing feathers their equal or superior. A capon is neither a rooster nor hen—it is nothing else than a capon. After removing the testicles from the cockerel, its nature becomes entirely changed. They take on a more rapid growth, are more tame, awkward in carriage and always exceedingly lazy, take on a very heavy and beautiful plumage, the comb and wattles cease to grow, the spurs do not develop as in the cockerel, and being cast off by both rooster and hen he soon shows a fondness for the society of little chicks. Fowls hatched any time of the year make fine capons; no ill results follows the operation at any time of the year. The bird should be from two to three months old (not over six months) and weigh not less than a pound to a pound and a half. The size is equally as important as the age. April, May, June, July, August, September and October are the months taken for caponizing, for the reason that spring chickens arrive at proper age and weight during these months, also because cockerels caponized then arrive at a proper age and weight, the months of November, December, January, February, March, April and May, at which times there is the greatest demand for them in the cities and highest prices secured. Caponize the chicks and you have at once laid the foundation for a handsome profit for some time to come. Outside of the cardinal points of profit the simplicity of the operation (when proper instruments are used) recommends itself to every one. A boy ten years old can readily perform the operation, and any one can soon become an expert. To the poultry raiser we would say we know of no source of profit bringing larger returns for the outlay than raising capons, the profit in a great majority of cases being over 100 per cent. The question of assured profit is an all convincing argument in any line and pre-eminently so to the poultrymen whose losses are added to from various unlooked for sources. From

twenty-four to thirty hours before performing the operation, select such cockerels as you intend to caponize (these should be from two to four months old), confining them in a clean airy coop or room without either food or water. The best time to confine them is at early morning as their long fast will then end about noon of the following day, at which time the operation is performed. Should the day be cloudy or wet do not caponize them, but let the operation go until you have a bright and fair day. It is necessary that you have all the light possible in the matter. Now after slightly wetting the spot proceed to turn down the feathers from the upper part of the last two ribs and just in front of the thigh joint. Pull the flesh on the side down toward the hip, and when the operation is finished the cut between the ribs will be entirely closed by the skin going back to its place. We have laid considerable stress upon having proper instruments in caponizing, and the more we read of the literary effusions appearing in the numerous papers to-day touching caponizing instruments the more need we feel there is to caution the inexperienced ones. While it is not cruel to caponize, it is inhuman to butcher or to cause unnecessary pain. A large number of persons hesitate in caponizing, feeling it to be cruel to the bird. To these we wish to bring our experiences in this matter proving to the contrary. This is a greatly mistaken notion, and the operation bestows an unlimited amount of kindness on the bird, even if there were no other considerations or returns. The writer has seen cockerels fly at one another time and again, tearing flesh and feathers with beak and cutting with spurs. Before the combatants could be separated there has been a disfigured comb, probably a blinded eye, and a generally cut up bird. This is the essence of cruelty. After caponizing the habits of the bird are entirely changed. Their disposition is quiet and peaceable, habits mild and tending to a solitary life and perfectly contented wherever situated. They no longer chase about the farm spoiling for a fight and running off flesh as fast as put on. They no longer arouse the whole neighborhood from morning until night with their incessant crowing, but, on the contrary, become models of good dispositions, leading a quiet life that will surely bring large returns to the raiser. An operation that does away with so much inborn evil can not be considered cruel.

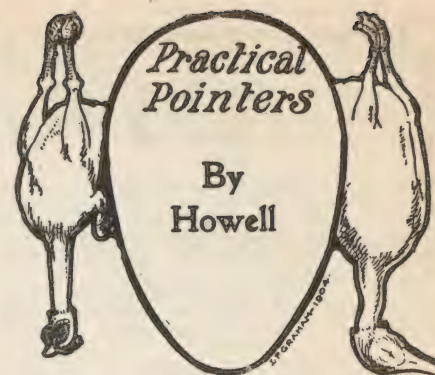
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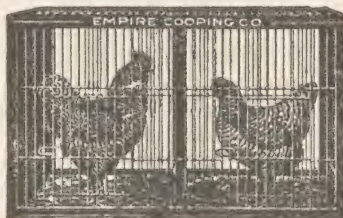
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Aug. 21-24—Cortlandt, N. Y. Cortlandt County Agricultural Society, W. J. Greenman, Secretary.

August 21-24, Rockville, Md., G. O. Brown, A. E. Warner, Judges; Calvin Hicks, Superintendent.

Sept. 3-6, Taunton, Mass., E. P. Washburne, Pigeon Judge and President.

Sept. 3-7, Columbus, Ohio, T. E. Orr, Judge; W. W. Miller, Secretary.

Sept. 3-8, Orangeburg, N. Y., J. F. Gilchrist, Secretary.

Sept. 11-13, Mercer, Pa. Mercer County Fair and Poultry Show. T. E. Orr, Judge; John P. Orr, Secretary.

Sept. 12, Altomont, Ill., Dr. A. W. Baker, Superintendent.

Sept. 17-22, North Yakima, Wash. State Fair, G. A. Graham, Secretary; Harry H. Collier, Superintendent Poultry.

Sept. 18-21, Allentown, Pa., The Allentown Fair; H. J. Schall, Secretary; W. Theo. Wittman, Supt.

Sept. 24-29, Spokane, Wash. Inter-State Fair, Robt. H. Cosgrove, Secretary.

Sept. 25-28, Poughkeepsie, N. Y. Dutchess County Agricultural Society, T. C. Van Wyck, Superintendent Poultry.

Sept. 25-29, Spokane, Wash., Robert Cosgrove, Secretary; H. H. Collier, Supt.

Sept. 25-29, Trenton, N. J., Inter-State Fair, T. Farrer Rackham, Newark, N. J., Superintendent Poultry.

Sept. 28-Oct. 5, Springfield, Ill., W. C. Garrad, Secretary.

Sept. 29-Oct. 5, Sedalia, Mo., J. R. Rippey, Secretary.

October 2-5, Chatham, N. Y. Columbia County Agricultural Society, W. A. Dardess, Secretary.

Oct. 2-6, Puyallup, Wash., John Mills, Secretary; Harry H. Collier, Supt.

Oct. 9-12, Hagerstown, Md., Geo. O. Brown, J. H. Drevendst, D. A. Nichols, W. J. Stanton, J. F. Craugle, Chas. McClave, W. C. Denny, W. G. Minich, Judges; W. F. Spahr, Secretary, Poultry Department.

Oct. 17-18, Girard, Ill., Heimlich, Judge; H. K. Young, Secretary.

Nov. 12-15, Garnett, Kans., Rhodes, Judge; Hattie A. Weld, Secretary.

Nov. 12-17—Houston, Tex., Hovey S. Fox, Jr., Secretary.

Nov. 12-17, San Jose, Cal. Santa Clara Valley Poultry and Pet Stock Association, E. Van Every, Secretary, Edenville, Cal.

Nov. 15-17, Wellman, Ia., Shellabarger, Judge; E. J. Coffey, Secretary.

Nov. 16-17, Manhattan, Kans., Chas. E. Smith, Secretary.

Nov. 20-23, Winfield, Ia., Shellabarger, Judge; Russell Canly, Secretary.

Nov. 21-23, West Haven, Conn. D. A. Nichols, D. J. Lambert, W. R. Graves, Judges; E. J. Crawford, Secretary.

Nov. 21-23, New London, Ill., Russell, Judge; F. L. Clanson, Secretary.

Nov. 21-24, Holton, Kans., Rhodes, Judge; T. A. Fairchild, Secretary.

Nov. 22-24, Englewood, N. J., N. R. Pendergast, Secretary.

Nov. 26-30, Cedar Rapids, Ia., Shellabarger, Judge; S. G. Smith, Secretary.

Nov. 27-30, Carthage, Mo., Rhodes, Judge; C. A. Emry, Secretary.

Nov. 27-Dec. 1, York, Pa. C. T. Cornman, William G. Minich, Judges; J. N. Lovett, Secretary.

Nov. 28-30, Fairfield, Ill., Russell, Judge; J. R. McEldrey, Secretary.

Nov. 29-Dec. 1, Vienna, Ill., Heimlich, Judge; Chas. M. Pichens, Secretary.

Nov. 28-Dec. 2, Moline, Ill., Shellabarger, Judge.

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Dec. 3-8, Rolfe, Ia., Heimlich, Judge; Marion Bruce, Secretary.

Dec. 3-9, San Francisco, Cal. California Poultry Association, J. C. Williams, Secretary, Fruitvale, Cal.

Dec. 4, Youngstown, Ohio, T. E. Orr, Judge; W. H. Crossler, Secretary.

Dec. 4-5, Jackson, Mich., F. W. Travis and S. Butterfield, Judges; C. W. Kroosz, Secretary.

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Dec. 4-8, Anardarko, Oklahoma Territory, Fite, Judge; Plaff, Secretary.

Dec. 5-8, Grand Rapids, Wis. Grand Rapids Poultry Association; B. G. Eggert, Secretary; Frank Heck, Judge.

Dec. 5-8, Paterson, N. J. Paterson Poultry, Pigeon and Pet Stock Association; Charles Frost, Secretary.

Dec. 5-8, Danbury, Conn. Western Connecticut Poultry Association, Charles H. Brundage, Secretary; Judges, J. H. Drevendst, T. F. McGrew, Hon. David Nichols and W. H. Card.

Dec. 5-8, Ellensburg, Wash., Harry H. Collier, Judge; Mrs. S. F. Montgomery, Secretary.

Dec. 5-10, Birmingham, Ala., McClave, Sites, Judges; Klywn Ballard, Secretary.

Dec. 6-8, Villisca, Ia., Russell, Judge; F. M. Childs, Secretary.

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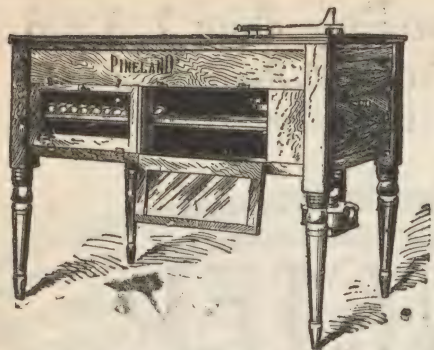
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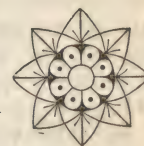
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The Future of the Black Minorca

Is the Breed Being Destroyed by the Introduction of Foreign Blood?

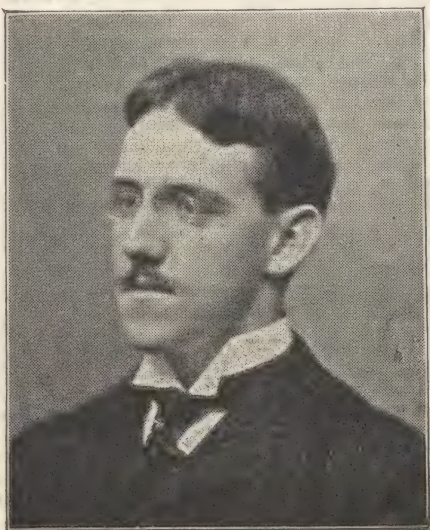
By John A. Gamewell.



Black Minorca breeders you are ruining one of the finest varieties of fowls in the country. We know where of we speak and are going to hit right out from the shoulder, regardless of whom we hit the hardest. There will be righteous indignation from a number of breeders of this variety throughout the country and particularly from those who advertise as having the "greatest on earth," "sweeper of all the decks in the show room," etc., but just here let me give you a word of warning, Mr. A., Mr. B., or Mr. C. before you try to throw some hot shot at us; we have been breeding the different varieties of poultry for about seventeen years and have made a specialty of the Black Minorca for about ten, and we don't think but know what we are talking about, for the simple reason that in a very quiet way we have been doing some experimenting to satisfy ourselves and have come to this definite conclusion, there are very few strictly pure blooded strains of Black Minorcas in this country; by pure blooded strains we mean those that have had no foreign blood infused in them for the promotion of size or greenish sheen of plumage (free from bronze or purple barring). Now wriggle, squirm, rise up and start to swear that yours is the exception to the rule and you can prove it, but again we caution you, "look before you leap." Regardless of price in the past four years we have either purchased ourselves, or had some one else make the purchase for us, birds and eggs from the strains of this variety in the country, whose originators have either "swept the decks" at the biggest shows or else have "the greatest on earth," and we believe the blood of strains of these famous breeders has been so diffused throughout the country, that it has wrought ruination to this noble breed. Our experiments have been made on four different farms and we can supply you with birds from any of these strains that you want and prove our assertions. What is the Black Minorca female noted for? For laying a pure white egg, very large in size, if not the largest laid by any variety of fowl, and a great many of them. We are sending the editor of this paper along with this article some Black Minorca eggs from some of the leading strains. They range in size from a good sized Bantam egg, to a medium sized Rock or Dotte (wish he could have them photographed and colored) and in color, from the light pinkish brown of the Rock to the dark brown Langshan.

Also one that is the true Minorca. If he had the room to keep them in the office, we could also supply him

with some birds from different of the leading strains, with a beautiful adornment of feathers on their legs. Also some young stork with green or yellow legs, and others with a mouse colored plumage. Consult your standard and see if any of this kind could win in our show rooms. Of course, you can pull the stubs and larger feathers before putting the birds in the show, but this constant pulling in order to win the coveted prizes has helped ruin this noble breed, and the foreign blood that has been introduced to get your beautiful greenish sheen and increase in size has been the means of causing the beautiful large white eggs to decrease in size and change in color from a pinkish brown up to the dark shade. Of course, all of the birds of the various strains do not lay brownish tinted eggs neither are all children of a family bad, but the proportion is



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very large and will grow larger each year unless remedied. It is all very nice to have these large beautiful birds the Standard calls for, win the bulk of the prizes, take orders for eggs and birds at fabulous prices, but to let "money greed" run away with the true "fancier's spirit" is deplorable. Hereditary influence is bound to assert itself and through a magnificent specimen may be shown and win all the special prizes and be sold for a fabulous amount, is the purchaser really getting a square deal?

There are two sides to this question, the first is all prize winners and in fact a great many of them are not good breeders. By that we mean capable of producing specimens that can be exhibited and carry off the honors at the

next season's exhibit. We have seen specimens of various breeds in different breeders' yards that from the exhibition standpoint were totally unfit to compete in the smallest show in the country, but their value as breeders had been tried and proven and the owner would not part with that particular bird or birds at any price. Now we say if a fancier breeding along the right lines is clever enough to produce specimens that can win in the strongest competition, and although he may know that that particular specimen's value as a breeder to him is practically worthless, he is justified in asking a good price for the specimen and getting it. It is a product of his brains and he is entitled to receive full value for it, as this specimen although entirely worthless to the breeder, if pure bred may prove a valuable breeder to the purchaser if properly mated. But the contention we make is that continual striving to win first prizes and carry off the big prize money is tending to ruin the Black Minorca. Mr. A. whose strain has carried off the bulk of the prizes at B—, or Mr. B. whose strain has carried off the prizes at C—may not personally or intentionally have introduced any foreign blood to increase the size or sheen, but having seen some fine specimens of Mr. C's in the show room that he thought would be beneficial in adding some new blood to their flocks, have wrought ruination. Hereditary influence asserting itself. Now we do not wish to make this a personal matter because we cannot make any individual accusation. We have not seen with our own eyes the introduction of the foreign blood, though the chances are that who ever has wrought the evil would be very careful not to let it become known. The deed has been done and we have the proofs. Now the question is, how to remedy this evil. It has taken a number of years to bring this evil in the midst of this noble breed, it will take a number of years to abolish it. It will be a difficult task, but how satisfactory will be the results! Now we think we have given some of the abuses that are ruining this breed of fowls—how shall we remedy it? We believe there is a Black Minorca Club, though for the past few years have heard very little of it. It lies with the members of this club to correct this evil. Quit the little quibblings and dissensions among the members and get down to business before it is too late. We believe the club was formed for the promotion of this breed, but the promotion has been so strong in the wrong direction, and it seems that the members have used

more effort in trying to get this man out of the club or that man out of a particular office, in other words a continual strife, rather than a mutual harmony among fanciers, of this particular variety; and in trying to win these strifes pro or con, the real object of the club has been entirely overlooked, the promotion of the S. C. Black Minorcas. We know a few of the members of this club and we believe they will compare very favorably with the members of any other club in this capacity. Just look at the good work, not "boom" that is being done for the White Wyandottes or White Plymouth Rocks. The respective clubs are responsible for this. Just look at the exhibits of these varieties at the large shows throughout the country and compare the exhibits of these varieties with those of the Black Minorcas. Some people will contend that a white fowl is more popular. That is all rot. Everything in this world is just what you make it. We have several varieties and have had a number of visitors to our farms and the majority who come there admire the Black Minorcas the most and not because they are interested in this breed more so than the others. The beautiful plumage, unsoiled, appeals to them and particularly the large white eggs (yes, we have a few birds that keep up to the standard requirements in this respect). We, fellow fanciers, have the lead of all other breeds in this respect and also have a fine table fowl, the meat being fine grained and sweet if pure blooded. But with the introduction of foreign blood it becomes coarse and stringy. Now what more do you want to make this the most popular breed in existence? Beauty of form and plumage, the color of the latter being such that it will not soil readily, large white eggs and many of them, fineness and sweetness of meat? Come now, admirers of this breed, let us get down to business, put aside the petty jealousies, backbitings, and all pull together for one fixed object. If you are not a member of the club and a breeder of this variety join at once where there is union there is strength. Let as many as possible get together; discuss this question thoroughly before the next annual meeting of the club. We have chosen The American Fancier because it is a paper that will give everyone a "square deal" and we know that no objection will be raised by them for a thorough discussion of this subject in its columns. Let us make up our minds to cull closely, bred only from the best, get rid of all female birds that have a tendency to lay tinted colored eggs, also

all males and females that have any down or feathers on legs or toes. We earnestly hope that the time is not far off when a regular form shall be issued by the different shows and the exhibitor be compelled to make affidavit that his birds have no foreign blood in their veins. Also wish it could be arranged that the females laying any tinted eggs, (if we could only make them lay during the exhibition) shall be disqualified. We hope The American Fancier will see to it that a copy of this issue of the paper containing this article shall be sent to every member of the Black Minorca Club and to as many breeders of this variety throughout the country as possible. Then let each and everyone get to work, sharpen his pencil and come out and say what he has to say on this important subject in the columns of this paper. We have plenty of time before the next club meeting to discuss it thoroughly. Then when the annual meeting takes place let as many as possible congregate, and instead of trying to see how to do up some member or officer of the club, and waste valuable time in useless wrangling, aim to have a meeting that will be the means of stopping this growing evil, be the means of getting in the right course to ultimately produce pure breed Black Minorcas only, and thereby giving everybody a SQUARE DEAL.

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The half-tone illustration of a Black Minorca hen on our title page is a faithful likeness of a well-known winner bred by Mr. Rowland Story, of Brooklyn, N. Y. The latter is one of the old line fanciers of Minorcas in the United States and has won renown, not only as a breeder of the black beauties, but as a judge, and a former Secretary of the American Black Minorca Club.

A famous light in the poultry world is pictured on another page of this issue. It represents the Hon. David A. Nichols, of Shelton, Conn., in one of his favorite poses. The "Only Dave" has been honored at home by his neighbors, having served a term as State Senator after being elected without an opposition candidate willing to run against him. Recently he was elected Judge of Probate. As a poultry Judge "Dave" Nichols ranks with the best. The soul of honor, square as a brick and above all an ardent and sincere fancier, he is a fine type of the real American poultryman.

Another "picture" that will be familiar to many of our readers is that of Mr. Gamewell, the author of the Black Minorca article appearing in this issue. Mr. Gamewell is in deep on Black Minorcas and White Plymouth Rocks, and his stock will be heard from "later on."

Readers of The American Fancier should keep an eye on Truworth Poultry Farm and Kennel, Hackensack, N. J. The owners of this new plant are experienced fanciers as well as men of integrity and good business judgment. Besides the main home office and plant in New Jersey, they have a large farm at Dunkirk, N. Y., where many of the birds are raised.

There will be "lively billiards" in the Game Bantam alley next fall when the clans meet at the shows. "Jimmy" Glasgow up on the famous Havemeyer Farm at Mahwah, N. J., has a fine bunch of youngsters out that promise "big things." Doctor Ben. Thornton at Short Hills, N. J., is preparing for the battle and has several or more trump cards up his sleeve to play when occasion demands. Mr. J. Sinnott informed us, while on a visit to Red Bank, N. J., that he has had great luck this season, especially with his Red Pyle Game Bantam chicks and expects to make it very interesting for the rest of the Jersey crowd. B. C. Fricke, Secretary of the American Exhibition Game and Game Bantam Club, is summering at Shrewsbury, N. J., only a few miles from The American Fancier's country office, and he is simply all enthusiasm on Game Bantams, and there are others in the same state. With such an array from the Skeeter State alone, what can be expected when the other States like Pennsylvania, New York and New England send strings of birds is obvious. We look for the greatest boom in Game Bantams next season these popular varieties have ever experienced.

The Sharon Poultry Club will hold a show at Sharon, Pa., January 9 to 13, 1917. Messrs H. A. Emanuel and A. F. Kummer have been engaged to place the ribbons. Sharon is a great show city and there are plenty of good fanciers located there and in the sur-

rounding country. The poultry exhibition held there in past years have always been successful and well managed. The coming event promises to surpass all previous shows to judge by the hustling tactics of Secretary Leslie.

Dr. A. W. Bell, of Toronto, Canada, who is now in Winnipeg, Manitoba, acting as General Manager of Western Canada's Great Industrial Fair writes us under date of June 26th: "I am in doubt as to what we may expect in the shape of a show in the Poultry Department in Winnipeg, but you can rest assured of my doing the best I can to make it a good one. I have been very much encouraged by the support promised me by the fanciers of the Northwest, as they heard so much of me, they are going to see whether I can make good the inflated reports that you newspaper fellows have been giving of me, so that if I don't come up to their anticipations it will be the fault of the newspaper men."

We can assure the doctor that the latter have no fears of his "making good" in anything he undertakes. A man who can manage such big shows as Toronto and Guelph without a hitch or a flaw is a safe proposition to bet on when it comes to doing similar stunts in far off Manitoba. We are also informed by Dr. Bell that the veteran British American Judge, Sharp Butterfield, will place the ribbons at Winnipeg and as the Bismark of the fancy has been there before, we look for the usual satisfactory results in his judging, and it goes without saying, that Butterfield will have a royal reception and time during his stay in Winnipeg.

We called attention in these columns some weeks ago to the difficulty experienced by poultry raisers in hatching Muscovy duck eggs in machines, and requested our readers who have tried the experiment to report results. The only reply received was from our old friend B. J. Hill, of Akron, Ohio. "Doc." Hill has had fowl and what he says bears the stamp of "practice" and not "theory." He writes: "I notice in a recent issue of The American Fancier an article, or rather query, in regard to Muscovy duck eggs hatching in incubators. Have made four attempts—some years back—to machine incubate with bad results. Regardless of anything they seemed to dry down too much. So in view of past experiences would only hatch Muscovy eggs under hens with nests on the ground."

Hatching Bantam eggs in incubators has proved anything but a success with a number of experienced poultry raisers this season; in fact the results have been as a rule total failures, whereas the same eggs hatched beautifully under hens. That there is something radically wrong in all this ill-success is obvious. We know of several fanciers that have successfully hatched Bantam eggs for years past in incubators, but the latter were of old patterns and no doubt were thoroughly understood by the operators. We believe it would pay incubator manufacturers to make a very close study of this Bantam egg hatching business and send out clear and explicit instructions with all machines of how to handle such eggs to obtain the best results.

Mr. John A. Gamewell, contributes an article on Black Minorcas in this issue of The American Fancier which is likely to cause considerable comment, and "stir up a hornets nest" to use Mr. Gamewell's remark to us, when discussing this subject of his contribution one day last week. The eggs referred to in this article are on the desk of the writer and offer mute and conclusive evidence of the charges made. They vary in size and color and would not pass as a first class product if offered for sale as strictly market eggs.

The introduction of foreign blood *i. e.*, the blood of another variety such as that of the Langshan, is a serious matter where Black Minorcas are concerned. The great claim made for Minorcas is their splendid egg-laying qualities. As layers of large white shelled eggs they have been widely advertised and the claims of superiority over other varieties in this respect have been, as a rule, substantiated by the results obtained in many yards when the Black Minorca is kept pure and undefiled. A breeder who sends out tinted eggs of small size is doing the Minorca fowl an injustice and undermining the very foundation of the breed. The fanciers rule "the end justifies the means" is not applicable in this case. The Minorca is an egg-laying breed and even the greenest sheen of the plumage had better be sacrificed, if the quality and color of the egg is to be a secondary consideration. There are plenty of good Black Minorcas bred that have produced and are producing birds with the deserved greenish black plumage and there is no occasion to introduce Asiatic blood and destroy not only the egg qualities but the reproducing qualities as well. Feathers, shanks, willow or yellows legs and feet are not to be tolerated in pure bred Minorcas. The breed is a very old one and if kept pure, will not produce such culls.

The article is of further value in cautioning breeders of Minorcas to stop short at a time when it is most necessary to do so. The egg business is not a pleasant one as a rule. Many just complaints are made by buyers where eggs fail to hatch chickens typical of the variety. It causes distrust of not only the careless seller of such eggs but of others that are absolutely honest in their dealings. It is true there are many unjust complaints made by ignorant and unpopular buyers, but the latter class soon become widely advertised among craft and their game is quickly ended. But the honest purchaser is the one that every decent breeder should protect when shipping eggs to him. To send out a motley collection of eggs gathered from a pen of fowls that are third-raters at a big price is a bad thing for the poultry business. It kills the unscrupulous breeder or rather dealer eventually, but the harm done reaches even further than that. It makes the victim suspicious, and having been bitten once, he is very careful about making further attempts to secure eggs from pure blooded stock, even of breeders whose reputations are above reproach. The damage one rogue can do by the contemptible substitution of promiscuous eggs for those of varieties he advertises, is far greater than most of us are willing to admit. We have heard a number of responsible breeders tell us that the

egg business has not been as good as it should have been, that there seemed to be a lack of confidence among buyers which can only be attributed to the loose business methods of dishonest advertisers. It's a case where the innocent must suffer with the guilty.

To remedy such evils is not an easy matter. Editors of poultry papers are frequently asked to expose breeders who send out eggs that fail to produce the real goods. These allegations are often made in good faith, but still more often in blissful ignorance, and not infrequently with a selfish motive or purpose. We must take the word of the plaintiff without any other proof than this and are equally bound to accept the statement of the defendant that the eggs he shipped were true to name, fresh and fertile. We have had personal experience in such matters years ago, both in buying and selling eggs for hatching. As a rule we found little cause for complaint. Where one sharper did us to a turn in sending worthless eggs, there were dozens who delivered the hen fruit "as advertised." In selling eggs we occasionally found some foxy gentleman (?) who failed to get a chick from a setting of eggs he purchased from us, and we duplicated the order to satisfy him. One of these fellows bragged about twenty-four chickens he hatched from two settings when he only paid for one. It was too good to keep, and as is usual in such cases, he was found out and placarded. When eggs from a pen of birds average hundred per cent fertility and produce an average of ten chickens from thirteen eggs, at home, and eggs from the same pen are sold to a party who reports "all eggs infertile," it makes one wonder how far some people will go to stuffify themselves in order to get a few settings of eggs for nothing. We heard of such a case this season and what made it appear worse was that the seller trusted the purchaser and never asked him for the price of the eggs in advance. Although the eggs hatched on the seller's place, the purchaser reported all eggs infertile and would not send the tested eggs back by express because of the expense. The latter could not have amounted to over fifty cents, and had they been returned to the seller, the latter would have duplicated the same, provided they were found to be infertile. As the matter stands the man who sold the eggs is out to the amount of the value of the latter pens the cost of the basket and correspondence. What the loser can only be the respect of the seller as there is no proof that he was "working" the latter. But it proved a mighty good lesson to the man who blindly trusted and relied on the honor of the man he sold the eggs to.

Many strange and amusing incidents have been related in regard to the results obtained from eggs bought for hatching. We remember buying a setting of White Wyandotte eggs, when the breed was just beginning to be known in the East, nearly twenty years ago. We plunked up five cold dollars for thirteen select eggs of the "coming white fowl" and one of the most famous breeds at that time was the happy recipient of our hard earned coin. Four white chickens, one with feathered legs, one blue and two black ones were the result of that hatched. All had Wyandotte combs

and yellow legs and beaks except the little blacks and they were dusky yellow when nearly matured. We sold the blacks to a friend for five dollars and he started a Black Wyandotte strain with these two pullets, and made quite a few pennies for his Christmas box. The blue one and the feathered leg Wyandottes proved fine eating while the remaining three turned out to be first class specimens and were well worth three times the price of the eggs they came from. Did we have a justifiable right to kick in this deal? We thought so at first, but future developments turned an apparently poor investment into a good one.

A somewhat similar story was once told by an old friend, G. O. Brown, of Baltimore. A Light Brahma fancier in his city sent a five-spot for fifteen eggs to a noted breeder in New England. A man with a national reputation, whose Brahmas, Rocks and Langshans were all gold with no silver even among the culls. Instead of getting nine Light Brahma chicks from the setting, he got but three, the others being Barred Rocks and Langshans. He made a strenuous complaint to the seller, to which he received the following reply: "You sent five dollars for eggs to get some Brahmas from, you have not only these, but Rocks and Langshans as well. What in hell more do you want?"

John H. Nichols

BIRDS MOTIONS.

Points of Difference Which will Help the Observer to Identify Birds.

Among the perching birds thrushes usually stand motionless; sparrows stand or sit, but are less at ease than the thrushes, more restless. Both these families generally assume a slanting position on the bough.

Orioles usually progress in trees by sidling along the branches, viros by flitting from bough to bough, repeatedly hovering under the leaves; warblers by hopping from twig to twig, while exploring one main branch and scanning the twigs and upper side of leaves.

A flycatcher, says St. Nicholas, selects a dead or exposed bough, where he sits motionless, upright, tail dropped, until he leaves the tree entirely, though perhaps to return after the pursuit of a flying insect.

Of inland water birds, ducks, geese, loons and grebes may be distinguished from gulls and terns by a straight forward flight, never zizzagging or slowly soaring like the long winged swimmers. Ducks have a more rapid wing beat than geese; which in turn fly with a rather heavy motion, somewhat like the loon's.

The several families may usually be further distinguished by the size and shapes of the flocks. Loons usually go singly and are more often to be seen in flight than grebes, who also travel without flocking. Compare the upright position of the owls with the prone nighthawk and the whippoorwill; one sleeps standing up and one lying down.

Among the tree climbers there are still nicer distinctions, both in the manner of climbing and the courses of the birds upon the trunks. The woodpeckers, with feet and tail adapted to

clinging to an upright surface and with bill adapted to drilling even in hard wood, goes straight up the trunk; then comes the slender billed and weak footed creeper, who must keep to the cracked bark, since he cannot bore for his food.

His course over the tree stem is, therefore, zigzag, from crevice to crevice. The nuthatches go winding up a tree as if they were living vines, or else they climb by turning from side to side with every step or two; but the tail is of no use as a prop, so it is held off the bark.

Still another climber and creeper is the black and white warbler, who, having nearly the feet, bill and tail of a nuthatch, progresses in about the same way but has rather more of a liking for crotches and the less upright branches.

In the woodpecker family the yellow bellied sapsucker has a way of edging around a tree trunk. His



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course is marked by his borings, or rather drillings, which girdle the trees instead of being scattered or running up them, like those of other woodpeckers.

Duck Hatches Grouse Eggs Stolen by Rats and Rear Ten Wee Gamesters.

It is by no means uncommon to find a hen hatching the eggs of other fowl or even birds, but so far as known Frank Kirk, a chopper, living in a cabin some miles northwest from M'Keever, N. Y., has the only duck that ever attempted to hatch and rear the family of a partridge.

The duck came by the eggs in a novel way in the first place. The grouse, or partridge, as they are locally called, had a nest in the woods a dozen rods from an old cattle shed, wherein lived the duck, when she wasn't on a muddy pond close by. The housekeeping arrangements of the grouse went along smoothly until one night about a fortnight ago, when she was set upon and killed, either by a fox or by rats, which infested the barn.

Kirk believes that the rats made way with the bird, for the night she was killed they lugged her eggs to a saw-dust pile in the cattle shed. This

they accomplished after the usual method of procedure—one rat lay on its back with an egg between its paws, while others snaked it along by the tail.

The duck had been robbed of her eggs by Kirk, who sold them to a neighbor, and she was ready to sit on anything that offered. The rats had no sooner collected the grouse eggs than she found them, camped upon them, and upset the rat's feast. The rodents didn't give up easily by any means. At least a dozen attacked the fowl, but she fought gallantly with her broad, blunt bill, and they finally retired with cracked skulls and broken legs.

The duck didn't dare leave the eggs for a moment, and it is likely that she would have starved had not Kirk observed what was going on and provided her with food until the tiny grouse pecked through the shells. All but one of the eleven eggs hatched, and the duck was as proud as she was astonished when she got sight of her brown, fuzzy proteges. She couldn't reconcile herself to the fact that they didn't like water, but she made the most of it and paraded around in the high grass, quacking and making a great fuss.

The youngsters take kindly to their foster mother, and when danger threatens hide under her broad wings. They follow her about like chickens and have no fear of Kirk. In a short time, however, they will feel the call of the wild and be off to the woods.—N. Y. World, June 16th.

TURTLE DOVES BACK, TOO.

Several small flocks of wild or passenger pigeons have been observed in the more remote parts of Lehigh county in the last few months. This brings to mind a prophecy which the writer heard when a boy.

He lived near a dense wood which used to be one of the most famous roosts of the pigeons in the days when the flights of these birds used to darken the skies for hours, and when the noise they made resembled the rumbling of thunder. Thus ran the prophecy:

"When the song of the turtle dove is once more heard in the buckwheat fields then, and not until then, will the wild pigeon come into its own again."

For many years the turtle or ring throated dove was nearly as scarce as the wild pigeon in this country, but scores of persons, who still remember the countless thousands of pigeons which made the middle and southern sections of this country their roosting and breeding places, never for a moment lost their faith in this prophecy. Within the last two or three years shy and scattered flocks of turtle doves were seen in buckwheat fields and they have slowly but steadily increased in numbers.

Their coming brought joy to the hearts of the oldest inhabitants, for according to them the birds were the advance couriers of the long lost wild pigeons and it therefore was no surprise to them when it was learned that small flocks of wild pigeons were being seen.—New York Sun, June 16.

Hardness of heart is a dreaded quality, but it is doubtful whether, in the long run, it works more damage than softness of head.

It is almost as irritating to be patronized as to be wronged.

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ORIENTALS AT TAUNTON SHOW.

The Oriental Frill Club of America will offer a silver cup at the coming Taunton show for the four best Orientals owned by a club member. The Taunton management has decided to offer a larger classification in this variety.

We are glad to see some movement to revive interest in this beautiful breed. All members should do their best to make their variety one of the features. We know of many breeders of Orientals, and with a little pushing they will be brought to the fore.

Poor Results for the 500 Mile Race.

Owing to the bad weather for their 500 mile race the Wellsby and Paterson Districts had no reports the day of liberation.

Messrs. Knox & Betts Fine Record.

The 500 mile race of the West Side District National Federation, Buffalo, N. Y., was flown in connection with the Western New York Concourse. The district winner Messrs. Knox & Betts, were 3d in the Concourse, being beaten by only three yards.

NEW SUBSCRIBERS.

Although the dull season for fanciers' periodicals has approached, we are receiving new subscribers and advertisers with every mail a most encouraging prospect.

The fancy was never in a more flourishing condition than at the present. New associations are springing up in every section of the country which will mean many more exhibitions.

Poultry and Pigeon Exhibitions are the backbone of the fancy, without them the fancy would not exist.

CHAMPIONS.

The owning of a certain "champion" does not always mean that fancier has the best of stock.

Many sales are made through the winnings of one or two birds, and this particular bird is generally purchased with this idea in view. The fancier who year after year produces birds, whether they are fortunate or not in capturing the much coveted first is the party from who to purchase your stock to improve.

THE STRAINS TO PURCHASE.

Birds bred from a solid foundation are most likely to show their good qualities in later generations.

The mating of two unbeaten champions does not necessarily mean champion youngsters, in fact most results from such mating are very disappointing.

FANTAILS AND BANTAMS.

N. M. Shaw, of Jersey City, N. J., has contracted for advertising space be-

ginning with this issue. His stock is of a very high quality. Fantails composed of a combination of imported Gray strain, and the best from American breeders. The Game Bantams are most imported. Ainscough and a very select lot from the yards of the late A. A. Parker. Mr. Shaw expects to show this coming season and judging by the appearance of his stock at present will be warm company for some of the "old timers."

Blows a Crop, But Not a Pouter.

We recently noticed a youngster with the crop filled with air and the skin appeared very glossy. Not being a pouter this is very unnatural. The cause probably is canker, in one of its stages.

The victim probably after its throat becomes nearly stopped up, is in some way able to draw in air which it is unable to discharge.

The owner made a slight incision in the skin and the air finally escaped, and with proper treatment for canker believes he can save the bird.

LICE.

At this time of the year care should be given that lice does not gain headway in the loft. If these pests once obtain a foothold they increase in numbers with alarming rapidity.

They creep in the feathers on the neck and other places which birds cannot reach with their beaks and deposit an enormous number of eggs.

As these hatch the insects creep down to the under parts of the body for sustenance, and the process is repeated until the pigeon is infested with them, and render the lives of the poor birds a perfect misery.

A good insect powder is excellent for getting rid of these insects. Dust the bird thoroughly, rubbing the powder well in the feathers. This process should be repeated frequently.

TIMELY ADVICE.

Nests should be looked at morning and evening during this the height of the breeding season. Young pigeons are often neglected by their parents when they are about a week old, in which case they may require to be hand-fed. If the old birds are doing their duty properly the youngsters will have their crops almost full in the evening, though empty in the morning. The advantage of a separate loft or division in which to place the squeakers when they can fly and feed themselves is very apparent now. The old birds frequently ill-treat their full grown youngsters when the next nest of eggs is hatched, and it is better in every way if the youngsters are taken out of the breeding loft as soon as they can look after themselves.

It is a great advantage to have the birds tame. It makes a difference

whether they rush off the nest when approached, or allow the eggs or young ones to be handled with but slight fuss. Most sitting pigeons, either with eggs or young, will give sharp blows with the wing at any hand that attempts to investigate the nest. That hand should be carefully passed under the breast of the bird, and the eggs, or young ones, taken out so that the hand receives the buffeting, and not its contents. The eggs of a pigeon being white, and the shell transparent, it is easy to tell, after the eggs have been incubated for five or six days, whether they are likely to hatch or not. If clear at the expiration of that time they should be removed, but opaque the probability is that they contain young ones.

When the young pigeons are acquiring their adult plumage they must be looked at pretty closely to see that they are well. A bird that is off his feed, and is seen to sit with feathers loose and huddled up, should be caught at roosting time and examined. The breastbone most likely will be found to be prominent, and the pigeon very thin.

A small pinch of dry Epsom salts should be administered by placing it at the back of the tongue. The day after this has been done, and for several days following, a cod liver oil capsule should be given night and morning, and are useful when valuable birds are kept. A young bird that does not shed its nesting feathers freely should have a few of the tail feathers pulled out.

A difficult matter for the novice is to form a correct opinion regarding the future merits of the young ones. Some varieties are as good in their first year as they will ever be, and can be correctly judged after the birds are four months old by anyone well versed in the points of that particular breed. Many of the breeds, however, thicken so much about the head with age, and in other respects so develop and change, that great practice and experience are necessary to recognize the future prize winners in their early stages. A slight narrowness of skull in this bird, or flatness of head in that, may later disappear. So a young pigeon about which there is any doubt ought not to be disturbed.

West Side District, National Federation.

The West Side District, National Federation of American Homing Pigeon Fanciers, flew their 500-mile old bird race from Somerest, Ky., on Saturday, June 23. Birds were liberated by Official Liberator E. M. Rossen at 4:55 A. M., and the first bird arrived at the loft of Knox & Betts at 5:40 P. M., making an average speed of 1159.05 yards per minute. This proved the most successful race from the 500-mile station ever flown by the Buffalo fanciers.

Every member of the West Side District who shipped birds to the one, two, three, four and five hundred mile stations reported birds home same day of toss, which is remarkable.

The district average sped diploma was won by Knox & Betts, making an average sped in the five races of 1224.39 yards per minute. They also win the silver cup so generously offered by Mr. Louis Vielt for the member making the best speed in the 500-mile race. Mr. Vielt had the honor of winning the diploma offered by the National Federation for the best percentage of nominated birds home in a day from the 500-mile station. The following list shows the positions in the race, the first and second birds being diploma winners:

Owner	Speed in Yards Per Minute
Knox & Betts.....	1159.05
Louis Vielt.....	1114.21
Louis Vielt.....	1099.71
George C. Peters.....	1094.49

John P. Young.....	1084.70
Knox & Betts.....	1033.95
Knox & Betts.....	1020.36
Fellows & Walker.....	993.14

Paterson District, National Federation.

The 500-mile race of Paterson District was flown on Saturday and Sunday, June 16 and 17, from Statesville, S. C., after the birds had been held in the crates at point of liberation over a week on account of unfavorable weather. The birds were liberated by R. K. Murdock, who wired, birds liberated at 5:15 A. M.; cloudy, south winds. At home the conditions were foggy, rain and north east winds. The returns were poor; the first arrival home being at 9:16 A. M. second day. One hundred and fifty four birds from twelve lofts competed. Order of arrival:

George F. Kuett, eastside loft....	707.15
Geo. F. Kuett, east side loft.....	693.71
G. W. Cisco.....	684.98
Jas. Rogers.....	53
Kershaw & Eveleigh.....	59
J. Perry.....	611.58
H. E. Mertell.....	613.47
D. Van Buskirk.....	607.88
W. R. Noice.....	585.85
W. Thompson.....	581.57
F. Anderson.....	No report
F. Coene.....	No report
P. Klappmuss.....	No report

J. F. MASTERSON, Secretary,
Paterson District N. F. A. H. B. F.

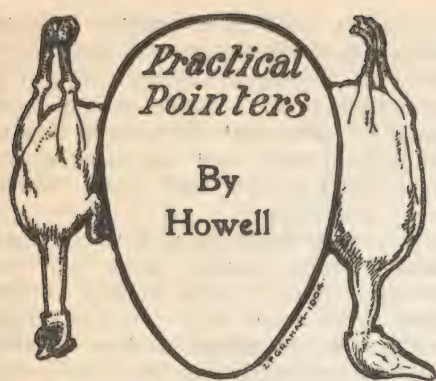
Wellesley, Mass.

The 500-mile race of Wellesley District, N. F. was flown from Aylmer, Ontario, June 23, in connection with Greater Boston Concourse Race Association, we winning fourth and twelfth honors. Birds liberated 5:10, clear, no wind. Along the course, showers. At home, north east winds, with hard rain at intervals. Next morning thick and east winds until 10 A. M. But twenty per cent of birds entered homed in record time, which shows what they struck. First bird at 6:46:48 yards per minute:

Owner	Speed in Yards Per Minute
F. C. Hersey, Jr.....	770.32
W. A. Hersey.....	633.92
H. McMath.....	612.92
F. C. Hersey, Jr., 3.....	2d day returned
W. A. Hersey, 1.....	2d day returned
E. E. Atwood.....	No report
C. A. Enholm.....	No report
J. Heald.....	No report
H. Wagner.....	No report
W. Webb.....	No report
F. C. Hersey, Jr., wins District average Speed Diploma, with 1151.04 yards.	
F. C. HERSEY, JR., Race Secretary.	

Vermin upon the woodwork of the fowl-house—walls, perches, nest boxes, etc.—are best killed by the application of whitewash, which not only destroys these pests, but at the same time leaves the premises light, sweet and clean. Carbolic acid is sometimes combined with whitewash, in the proportion of three ounces to as many gallons of water. Whitewash, pure and simple, is, however, amply sufficient. Sometimes we hear that it must be applied hot, but this is not necessary, either. Apply it profusely, and no nook or cranny untouched; that is the main thing.

If possible, set duck eggs under hens, as they make better mothers and will find food for the ducklings—something a duck will not do. After the hen has set four weeks the duckling will appear. Perhaps it will be necessary to help some of them from the shell, as they are not as lively as chickens, and sometimes are unable to get out alone. It must be kept in mind, however, that if we raise ducklings for future breeding stock it will not answer so well to use hens to brood them as to let the old ducks rear their young, since if hens be generally used, the drakes will subsequently be found a great nuisance in the poultry yard. Novices in duck raising should bear this in mind, and save themselves much trouble, if they keep poultry.



The poultry business as a means of livelihood has reached about the same point as a young couple thinking of getting married, i. e., the question of being taken seriously.

Government statistics no longer group poultry and egg values with other live stock values, but they stand alone, independent and one of the most important.

Having become a power in the food world, the practical poultry keeper should be looking ahead to obtain the very best markets, improve the system of handling and transportation, etc.

A lesson can be learned from other branches of stock raising. Sheep raising is controlled by the big packers; pork the same; and what is the result? Lamb is a luxury, and pork, which should be grown and marketed in the locality whence it is consumed, is neglected almost entirely, hence we pay more for it than beef right here in the country.

The big packers are out for control of the poultry and egg business; the small shipper is a thorn in the side of the beef trust, but must pay tribute to it, nevertheless, through the channels of transportation.

A more concerted action ought to be taken; poultrymen should work in harmony, not against each other.

What a great benefit, were it possible to effect an organization, an agent to look up the choice spots in trade, in the different consuming centers would be.

There is no more interesting part of chicken raising than in watching the development of the chicks; an extra fine pullet will give its owner much the same satisfaction as a ten dollar bill does a struggling clerk, when safely stowed away in his inside pocket.

By noting the feather development in its first stage, and later when arriving at full feather, it will give the handler a knowledge which will allow him to cull early and confidently.

Happy is the fancier whose youngsters turn out with the pullets in the majority, and the cockerels in the minority.

The cockerels are quarrelsome and in the way. Market the culls early and if it is possible to run the remainder by themselves so much the better.

One advantage in an early market is, a small chicken brings as much now as a large one later; they consume feed and take attention, growing in pounds but not into money.

The old hen is not discriminating, a cheap, serviceable house is as inviting to her as the more elaborate one; a square meal and a dry skin are the more important considerations with her, hence in building one might as well suit personal convenience, and arrange to feed and clean with as little trouble as possible.

When gathering egg times of day arrive, the nests containing six or

nine are the ones that fill up the basket, but so many patrons at the same nest soil the eggs laid by the earlier callers; a little distribution would be better, but the old hen has her own ideas, and just now we are willing to let her select her own nest, and find no fault.

Geo E Howell

NEW YORK MARKET REPORT.

From the Journal of Commerce and Commercial Bulletin.

EGGS—Receipts for Saturday, 10,258 cases.

State, Pa. & nearby, select-	ed, white, fcy.....	@ 23
State, Pa. & nearby, select-	ed, white, good to choice	21 @ 22
State, Pa. & nearby, mixed	colors, extras.....	20 @ 21
State, Pa. and nearby, firsts	Western, extra firsts.....	17 @ 17½
Western, firsts.....	18 @ 18½	
Western, second.....	17 @ 17	
Western, thirds.....	15½ @ 16½	
Kentucky, fresh gathered.....	14 @ 15	
Dirties, per dozen.....	12 @ 14½	
Checks, per doz.....	9 @ 12	

The official quotation of the New York Mercantile Exchange is 16½@17 for Western firsts.

DRESSED POULTRY—Receipts for the week, 12,092 packages.

Week, 12, 52 packages.			
Turkeys, average lots.....	..	@	13
Poor to medium.....	11	@	12
Philadelphia, dry-picked, fancy.	26	@	28
Dry-picked, average run..	24	@	25
N P & Pa, dry-picked, fcy	23	@	24
Dry-picked, average run..	20	@	22
Western, dry-picked, fcy.	21	@	22
Dry-picked, average.....	18	@	20
Scalded, fancy.....	..	@	20
Scalded, average.....	17	@	19
Southern, average.....	16	@	17

Fowls—

Philadelphia, dry-picked,	fancy.....	@ 14
Dry-picked, average run..	@ 13½	
Western, dry-picked, se-	lected barrels.....	@ 13½
Dry-picked, average run..	@ 13	
Dry-picked poor to	medium.....	11 @ 12

South & Southwest'n, dry-

picked, selected bbls....	13 @ 13½
Scalded, selected bbls....	@ 13½
Scalded, average run.....	@ 13

Other Poultry—

Old cocks, dry-picked.....	..	@	8
Scalded.....	..	@	8
Ducklings, Long Island & Eastern.....	..	@	12½
Other nearby.....	..	@	12

Squabs, prime white—	8 lbs to doz, per doz.....	@ 3 00
7 lbs to doz, per doz.....	@ 2 25	
6@6½ lbs to doz, per doz..	1 50 @ 1 75	
Mixed, per doz.....	@ 1 50	
Dark, per doz.....	1 25 @ 1 50	
Culls, per doz.....	50 @ 75	

FROZEN POULTRY.

Turkey hens, No. 1.....	18 @ 19
Toms, No. 1.....	@ 19
No. 2.....	12 @ 14
Old toms, No. 1.....	17½ @ 18

Capons, west, 8 lbs & over,

each.....	@ 19
Under 8 lbs each.....	16 @ 17

Broilers, milk fed, dry-

picked, 4 lbs and under	to pair.....	@ 20
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Dry-picked, 4 lbs and

over to pair.....	15 @ 16
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Dry-picked, 4 lbs and under

to pair, No. 1.....	16 @ 17
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Dry-picked, 4 lbs and

over to pair.....	12½ @ 13
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Scalded, 4 lbs and under

to pair, No. 1.....	15 @ 16
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No. 2.....

10 @ 11	
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Roasting chickens, milk fed,

dry-picked, fancy.....	16 @ 17
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Soft meat, fancy.....

Average, No. 1.....	12 @ 14
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Fowls, No. 1.....

8 @ 10	
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Chickens, No. 2.....

Soft meat, fancy.....	@ 15
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Ducks, No. 1.....

No. 2.....	10 @ 11
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Geese, No. 1.....

No. 2.....	8 @ 9
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LIVE POULTRY—Receipts for the

week, fifty-six cars.	
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Broilers, nearby, per lb....

22 @ 23	
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Western.....

@ 22	
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Southern.....

@ 20	
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Fowls, per lb.....

@ 13½	
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Roosters, per lb.....

@ 8	
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Turkeys, per lb.....

11 @ 12	
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Ducks, Western, per pair...

70 @ 80	
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Southern & Southwestern,

per pair.....	50 @ 60
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Geese, Western, per pair...

1 25	
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Southern & Southwestern.

90 @ 1 00	
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Pigeons, per pair.....

25 @ 30	
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A Few More Timely Thoughts.

By George W. Weed.

I have just read with considerable interest the article "Timely Thoughts" as propounded by Mr. D. L. Orr, and ye editors pat him on the back for same.

A person would infer from reading the same that everything was "rotten in Denmark."

However, it is perhaps as well that we do not all look at things in general, and the poultry business in particular, from the critical and pessimistic point taken by Mr. Orr.

I think if you would go with me and visit the fanciers and poultrymen find something good to say of nine out of every ten of their places, and tell the truth. Mr. Orr's may be an exception, as he seems to think, but then exceptions prove the rule. It may be the man's own personality, it may be the way he uses you, it may be his surroundings, it may be his location, it may be his business methods, it may be his buildings or his stock.

You see there is lots of scope to be laudatory and not lie. Your visit is not for the purpose of criticising, neither are you shown the worst there is on the place—but the best, and I am thankful to say that the places and men are few and far between that something good can not be said of them and not lie.

In regard to the Barred Rock breeders and their advertising, I think that a man who is fortunate enough to win in that variety at New York last winter, would be hiding his light under a bushel that did not advertise it, and use any and all the adjectives possible.

How easy it is to see the mote in others eyes when the colossal of a California red wood, is floating around in your own—to illustrate: While judging at a score card show last winter I was assigned to a variety of Bantams, the weighing committee had weighed them and marked their weight on their respective coops, as is customary. As several of them ran several ounces over disqualifying weights, why there was nothing for me to do but to apply the standard and disqualify them.

The owner it seems had just bought the birds of quite a prominent breeder of that variety giving good money for them—and bought them for the purpose of exhibiting as well as breeding, he immediately wrote the breeder for an explanation. The explanation was that the judge could not have known his business or he would not have disqualified. Well! Well!! Well!!!

"Doubtful things are mighty uncertain." So are the average summer supply of eggs at the stores. Often one gets poultry when they pay for eggs only, and often theatre or bad lecture eggs when they pay for fresh ones. In summer in cities it is usual to have scrambled eggs in style.

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Farm, Field and Garden

BY G. O. BROWN

The fly season is here now and every device should be employed to protect the farm animals from these pests. Many stables could be greatly improved to lessen the fly trouble by tacking mosquito cloth over the windows. At milking time these windows might be darkened a little to lessen fly trouble. Keeping the stable clean and making a liberal use of air slacked lime will greatly aid in keeping down the flies.

How do you salt the pasturing stock? It is a good plan to have some rock salt under cover where the stock can have access to it at will. This is better than giving salt occasionally.

The strawberry short cake is now displaced by black raspberry pie. A piece of this pie and a glass of half and half (milk and cream) will make you forget your troubles, and it has a "more" taste, too. Blackberries, huckleberries, raspberries, black and red peaches, cantilopes and pineapples are now abundant in the Baltimore market.

Homemade jellies, jams and preserves made from pure fruits that are fresh from the farm are pure foods that few city people enjoy. The grocery products of these delicious things are quite different. When a preserver factory can make everything from apples alone, there is some cause for doubt about products being genuine or wholesome. The old time pictures and stories of the children's eagerness to get "jam" shows their early appreciation of good things. Don't whip them but give them more jam.

The American Agriculturist give the following method for jelly making:

Jellies are usually made of strained fruit juice, cooked with sugar, equal proportions of each. Do not use too ripe fruit—just a little under-ripe is best for jellies. If the fruit is very juicy, no water is needed, otherwise a little water may be added. If the fruit is not very acid, use a little less sugar. Cook fruit soft and strain through cheese-cloth jelly bag. Do not squeeze, but allow to hang over night. Boil fruit juice from 5 to 10 minutes, add hot sugar, which was heated in the oven, and boil 5 or 10 minutes more. Too long boiling will result in a paste instead of jelly. Cool and seal.

New cases of pear blight can be readily discerned by the dead wood showing above the green foliage. Cut back to green wood.

Farmers must possess a varied degree of intelligence, greater probably than required in very many other occupations. The labor-saving machines require expert knowledge, management of stock, and knowledge of deal requirements cannot be learned by careless people. Often the farmer is superior to the city man who makes light of his calling—yet the city man would have no occupation if it was not for agriculture.

As soon as the peas are picked pull up the vines, and either cure them for hay or feed green to the milk cows. Often the ground for early peas can be again planted with second crop of

potatoes, beans, or cabbages.

If you have a liking for any fad in farming, don't carry it too far. Unless you are an expert in the one line it is generally the best plan to depend on diversified farming. Farm crops that you know the farm will produce at a profit are after all the dependable ones.

Traveling through the country one meets with remarkable contrasts in farms. One farm is an ideal home, inviting, cosy, neat and everything looks thrifty. One is a home owned place the other rented.

There is no earthly sense of making farm work a drudgery. The farmer who puts in more than he and his help can properly care for is apt to make farm life a drudgery. Less acreage requires less labor and brings larger and better crops than the spread-out plan.

Don't be afraid to take a holiday or go fishing. All these breaks are in a sense escape valves. They prevent an over pressure of worry, work and other dangers to the human system. Go with the young folks, join in with them, and see how the sunshine of a happy heart will come back to. Life is what we make it. There is joy in doing good. Goodness drives away badness. A clear conscience is a dyspepsia dispeller.

Don't forget to put in a field of buckwheat this month. Buckwheat cakes and the honey the bees will make from the buckwheat bloom will be incentive enough. Remember to the value of buckwheat as a food for the poultry.

Go through the orchard now and snip of all the spurts that have started where you don't want them to grow. By doing this it will help the quality of the fruit and save you a lot of much heavier pruning later on.

Make every effort to get the hay in the barn without the least avoidable delay. Quality is always dependable on proper quick-handling in curing it. Quality is what is wanted in the hay instead of quantity. Don't dray clover or other hay in while wet with dew, but it is a good plan to haul in the morning as soon as the dew is off, if it has been cut the day before. Every hour it is left out after it is cured it loses nutrition.

Sloviliness is degenerating. Even poverty is no excuse for it, an exchange truly says:

How does the housewife in the home on the farm dress? Not gaudily and costly, of course, but cleanly, neatly and appropriately. Much of the household habits and appearances depend upon that. The most unbearable thing in nature or in art is a dirty, slouchily-dressed wife and mother.

A little phosphate sprinkled around cucumber, squash, or melon vines will effectually keep the bugs away.

In the way of new work for women is the plant doctor. One bright young woman in Germantown, Pa., is getting up a list of patrons for whom, for a consideration, she will cause their sickly backward plants to grow and become thrifty. She will do by regular house-to-house visiting something like

a visiting nurse. It is surprising, she says, to learn the large number of women who establish growing plants in their houses and then through failure or ignorance let them die.

A few novelties in the farm garden will add to the zest of living. Try swiss chard, winter radish, salsify, edible podded peas, kohlrabi, globe artichokes. All these are easily grown and liked by many. Too often such vegetables as celery, spinach, cauliflower, radish, asparagus, are strangers in the farm garden. Raise some, and the whole family will learn to consider them among the choice farm luxuries.

Rural New Yorker gives the following timely advice:

Let us not forget that wind does as much to cure the hay as the sun. We do not want sun-burned hay, but we like to have as close to the color of the grass as possible with the moisture blown out of it. The housewife knows how the clothes dry on a bright day when the wind is blowing. The best hay is cured in the window or cock tossed up to the wind and yet kept as much as possible in the shade. That is why the hay tedder and the side-delivery rake are so useful.

The Southern Planter publishes the following for disposal of hawks: Mix half a teaspoon of powdered nux vomica in a quart of dry meal and then make into a hash and feed to the chickens. The amount may be increased up to a teaspoon to a quart of the meal, or 5 or 6 drops of the liquid nux vomica for each chicken may be mixed with the mash. Ducks and guineas will be killed by this mash, but chickens are immune against it. The hawks taking the chicken will be poisoned.

If we are not mistaken Mr. P. H. Jacobs at one time in the Poultry Keeper advocated the same thing. We would like to know what the nux vomica fed to chicks would do to the summer boarders or the home family that ate them. Kinder seems as tho' we would rather risk the hawks' visits with a shot gun loaded for a good opportunity.

Every one in this section is complaining of a terrible visitation of mites in their poultry houses. Clean kept houses are invaded same as others.

The sales of duck feathers on the large duck farms is quite a revenue source. Even if mattresses have put the old time feather bed out of business, there are bolsters and pillows that will uphold the demand for good feathers for ages to come.

Mr. Kiger near Baltimore last week lost some scores of White Pekin ducks by night-prowling dogs. He succeeded in unloading one load of shot in one of the curs, but did not kill him. Now he has an arsenal ready for tramp or stray dogs that get on his premises.

An enthusiastic man called in to-day and told about an incubator in Dayton, Ohio, that was doing a regular and thriving business hatching out hens' eggs in sixteen days. When told that was outdoing nature, he "didn't care a ——— said he had seen it himself." His memory was briefer than the hatching period as he couldn't remember the name of the incubator. Declares he had "bought two of the incubators and was going to bring 'em to Baltimore, too." How thankful we should be that we don't have but a few people who are advance agents for a period yet to come.

It is a good sign to see farmers buy-

ing chick feed at a poultry supply store. It is the dawning of the merciful era in chick raising. The old grandfather cold water mixed corn meal exclusive diet will soon be a relic of by gone days, and the farmers will have more chicks, and their wives more groceries.

A parrot ranch is a novel feature near Victoria, Mexico, says an exchange. Runs of wire netting extend over large areas and over the trees, making an immense outdoor aviary. The flock comprises several thousand birds, and the more intelligent ones are taught by systematic methods to speak in the various languages demanded by customers. The owner finds by careful selection the intelligence of the birds may be considerably increased. It is asserted that most of the birds have been taught to carry on a dialogue several minutes in length.

When an agricultural paper like American Agriculturist acknowledges the value of pure bred poultry, it is a healthy omen: "Profitable market Poultry originates with the breeder of pure-bred stock. No one knows this better than the market poultryman, hence the increasing demand for pure-bred stock by farmers. Such stock matures sooner, lays earlier and more abundantly, fattens quicker, weighs more, sells better and for more money than scrub birds. No wonder the mongrel is losing in popularity."

A breeder of Holland Turkeys gives his method of feeding young turkeys as follows: "The formula of fodd which I like best is hard boiled eggs, chopped fine, mixed with about a pint of crushed crackers, a table-spoonful of charcoal, one of coarse sand and two or three of steeped alfalfa meal, squeezed dry. This has to be mixed by chooping and the hand not used, or it reduced to a paste, and so unfit. It must be light and crumbly. After the first week we mix in chick food and work the poults out of the soft, into hard grain, as fast as possible. For the first morning feed, chopped onions are good as an appetizer, and again at night, also clover, steeped alfalfa, wrung dry. At first, for some ten days, feed five times, just what they will eat clean and quick. After that, four times daily. Never have food for them to pick at."

G. O. BROWN, Parkville, Md.

DOST KNOW THE MAN?

Dost love a man who always kicks no matter what you do,
Who kicks with most prodigious ease the whole long season through,
Who kicks if anything goes wrong, and kicks if it goes right,
Who kicks because he likes to kick, and kicks with all his might?
We know some awful kickers on this wicked mundane sphere,
Who came on earth by accident, and kick because they're here.
To make themselves uncomfortable and other people sick;
They drive their friends to suicide, and still they always kick.
We know a man who kicks and kicks the blessed livelong day,
And if there's naught to kick about, he's kicking anyway.
And times when things are going right and other men would smile,
He kicks on general principles, and kicketh all the while. —Exchange.

Strong is the man who knows his weakness.

HOW GERMS GET INTO MILK.

In the first place a good many germs are living in the milk while it is yet in the udder of the cow, and in the next place, a good many more fall into the milk pail from those floating in the air, being caught in the streams of descending milk, says Bulletin 152, New Jersey Experiment Station. Still others are introduced clinging to the particles of dirt, hair, chaff, etc., that becomes loosened from the udder and adjacent surface of the cow, and from the hands, arms, etc., of the milker, and in fly time from the whisking tail of the pestered animal. It is the presence of numerous articles of this sort which is responsible for the general practice of straining milk. But no strainer is fine enough to retain the small particles, and least of all the germs that have been washed out of the particles. In those dairies, where the practice of keeping cows and stalls thoroughly clean has not been adopted the dirt that most frequently gets into milk consists of particles of manure. The presence of even a little manure imparts to the milk the peculiar flavor called "cowey," as though it were the distinctive odor of this domestic species. But this flavor is quite distinct from the odor of new, pure milk (also found in the cow's breath, over which poets have raved in ecstasy. In these days of "modern dairy progress" the production of "cowey" milk is both inexcusable and reprehensible. Milk has a strong attraction for odors, and readily absorbs any predominant odor of the air, etc., it is in contact with, hence it is not strange that it extracts the odor of the dirt that falls into it. In fact, if the milch cow's food has any particular flavor it affects the milk. These various disagreeable flavors in milk are of less consequence than the fact that milk receives the germs that inhabit the dirt which gets into it. Of all dirt, manure is the richest in germ content, and what is even more important, it contains germs that are parasite in the intestines and hence are liable to produce disease.

THE AFRICAN OWL.

It is now time to give a little attention to breeding and choice of birds for that purpose.

It is often said that the best Africans are bred from small cocks and large hens. This may be so, but I don't think that it makes much difference. Many of my best birds have been bred the reverse way. The most important point is what is the stock you are about to mate up bred from.

It takes a year or two to know exactly how your stock is bred, and it is impossible to have this knowledge unless you have had a few breeding seasons.

The proper way is for you, when mating up, to be able to say, "This cock breeds them with good beaks and short feather, and this hen with round heads and full fronts but thin beaks." When you know this and have fairly good birds to breed from you may reasonably expect satisfactory results.

In breeding too closely I have never practiced, but in any case, before this is attempted, you must have something very near perfection to breed back to, or you will be in-breeding for bad ones. The idea of in-breeding is to get young birds with original blood in them. What is the use of original blood if not good?

A really good old cock and a vigorous grand-daughter, or young cock and

old hen, might do well, and is no doubt the best cross, and plenty near enough.

A very particular point to remember when mating up is to leave out all Africans that have pinched faces and badly set beaks. The ideal sweep of head cannot be obtained from birds with badly-set beaks, as the profile must be broken if the beak is badly set; but if, however, there should be such a case as having no choice, the hen must have the right beak setting, and, if she excels in this point, a cock with not very good beak-setting may be used. This is one of the many cases where knowledge as to how the birds are bred is advantageous. It is very important also that hens should have heads as round as possible. It would be useless for me to say they should be perfectly round, as I know these are not within the reach of beginners, and the only way to get them is to breed them. Always remember a good bird bred at home gives twice as much pleasure as a bought one, especially if a winner.

In matching up a pair for breeding, I prefer a short-feathered cock, small in body, with good beak, gullet and frill, and good quality; the hen, of course, with a wide, short head and good front, even if a little large and a trifle coarse. They all have their faults, and it is difficult to say which to put up with. The most simple way out of the difficulty is to see that the strain is right, the stock of birds vigorous and young. When the breeding time comes, give the birds plenty of light, room, and air; a large wire flight, too, if possible, not necessarily a covered one; a covered flight is mostly required for exhibition birds.

As the breeding season goes on, a young bird loft will be wanted, and, as youngsters are put in to do for themselves, a watchful eye must be kept on them to see if they are getting their share of food. If any are found with empty crops, give them a light feed by hand; do not attempt to take them back to the feeders.

Youngsters at this stage may be placed in the show pens for a short time every few days, as in this way they train themselves, and are rarely any further trouble in this respect.

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MUFFED TUMBLERS.

Yellows vary in shade, and opinions differ as to which is the correct one. All, though, I think, are agreed that the sickly looking pale ones, with flights almost white, should be consigned to a pie, and not used as breeding stock. The two shades that find most favor are the rich golden yellows, and those of a ruddier hue. If the former can be obtained good in color of flights, there can be no question about which is the more beautiful. The great failing with yellows is that they are seldom obtained even in color. In the ruddy colored birds you usually find many smoky feathers, whilst in the golden ones you find the flight feathers very pale. Both these are very great faults, and every effort should be made to get the birds even in shade throughout. Yellows do not find much favor, though if really good they are most beautiful Pigeons. In

addition, more typical birds are found of this color than probably of any other of the self varieties. The hackle should have a pinky lustre, and a stained beak in a yellow is a far more unpardonable sin than in the case of a red.

In Blues we have at last reached a color where good muffed Tumblers can be found in plenty, and the reason is not far to seek. This variety is popular, and is not confined to one district alone, but is spread more or less all over the country. They should be of a bright but dark uniform shade throughout. The bars on wings and the band at the end of the tail should be black. The neck hackle should be of beetle green, with plenty of lustre, and the beak black. Blues have always been celebrated for their heavy muffs, in which point they beat all other Tumblers, their foot feather being nearly always perfect in shape. Ten or twelve years ago the majority of the blues failed in head, this now happily is not the case, some of the most typical headed Tumblers living being found among the blues. The faults most commonly met with are light rumps and sooty feathers on the top of the shoulders or on the sides of the wings.

Silvers like blues are very popular, but are not found to anything like equal in quality. They mostly fail in head points. They should be of a creamy, grey, drab color, very difficult to describe on paper, the neck being much darker and the bars in blues. These are generally more bronzy in shade, but black is the correct color. The beak should be of light horn color but is usually more or less stained. Silvers are most beautiful birds, and if they could be obtained with good big heads like some of the blues, they would take a lot of beating in a mixed class.

MOTTLES AND ROSEWINGS.

These birds are not difficult to describe. Imagine a perfect black, red, or yellow self, with a number of small white feathers on the wing just clear of the butt, contained in an imaginary circle of about the size of a five shilling piece, each white feather being clear of the others, and you have a rosewing. Add to this marking two dotted lines of white, commencing at each shoulder and meeting at a point in the middle of the back, and you have a mottle.

Black is the fashionable color, and a really good black mottle generally takes precedence of all varieties in a mixed class. The faults of most of the black mottles are long, and in many cases thin heads, coarse heavy cere, patchy markings and white backs. The heads, too, in many, I think that I might say most cases, come far too abundantly sprinkled with white, whilst many birds have white blazes, and white or grey patches round the ears. Still, much could be done by judicious mating to rid them of these failings, and if only the variety were in more hands the work would be proceeded with at greater speed. As it is, the number of fanciers who have really made a name with this variety can be counted upon the fingers of one hand. Every fancier has a great admiration for the black mottle, and, in addition, it is the most profitable variety of any among the muffed classes. It can only, I think, be the fear of these gay heads which prevents it having a following equal to that of

any of the clear legs.

Reds are usually found only as rosewings, but could a bird be produced rich and sound in color, heavy muffed, and equal in marking to some of the best black mottles, then it would, I think, be about our most valuable muffed Tumbler. I regret to say that I do not think there is even a fair muffed red rosewing in existence, and unless a real enthusiast comes forward, the variety will soon die a natural death. The improvement of the variety will be uphill work for the man bold enough to undertake it, so low has it fallen, but the reward will be equally great when success has crowned his efforts. Such being the case, it is well worthy of an attempt besides giving one the satisfaction of knowing that he has saved a charming variety from oblivion.

Yellows, like reds, are usually found as rosewings. They are rather better than the reds, but even these are a long way removed from the blacks. The few really fair birds seen are frequently stained in the beak and short in muff. Still, as the muffed yellow selfs, as a class, are so much better than the reds, the difficulty of improving the yellow rosewings should be nothing like so great as in the case of the reds.

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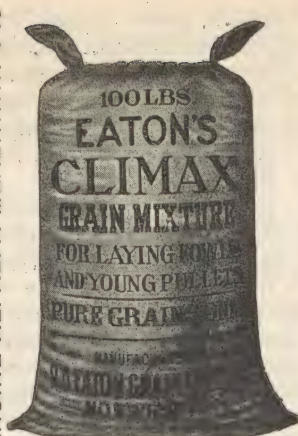
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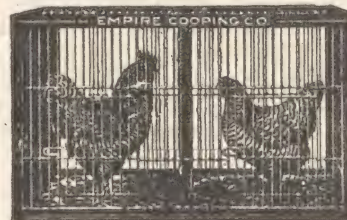
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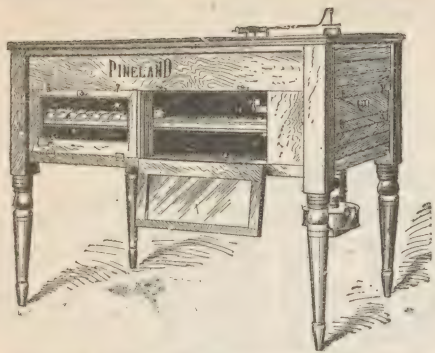
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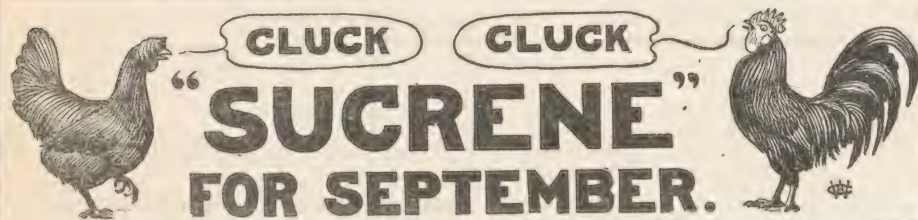
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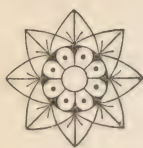
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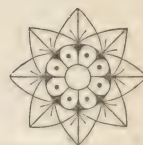
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By the Rev. J. N. Williams, B. M., England.

(Special to the American Fancier.)

In addressing American readers on this subject, I have no desire whatever to lay down the law as to whether single or double matings must or must not be persisted in, in either this or any other country, but simply to state my views upon the matter, for the benefit of my Transatlantic readers. Neither do I wish to blow my own trumpet. At the same time, as I am writing for a country new to me, I may be permitted to say that I have been a breeder for over forty years, have written and drawn for all our best papers here, and also do business with Colonial and other papers, and judge at our best English shows. Now, with regard to this double mating question, it grew up with breeders unconsciously, and forty or fifty years ago was a thing almost unknown. Some two or three astute breeders in England, in those far back days, discovered the secret, and kept it rigidly to themselves, and by the means of doubling mating, and a considerable amount of artificiality, they kept the foremost places at shows, and got the bulk of prize money offered. The poultry papers in those days were out of all comparison with present day Fancy journalism. The cottage gardener touched up poultry matters in an insignificant way, compared with youngest fancy paper of to-day does. The Live Stock Journal took the matter up more strongly after a time, but there was nothing like the publicity given in those remote times to the methods of breeding that is enunciated in present day Fancy journals. Consequently the idea of dual mating did not become universally known or suspected for a long time. But when it did gain publicity, it spread like a fire over a forest, and to-day we may say, with a great amount of truth, that there is perhaps no breed, self colored or otherwise, herre in England, which does not produce better specimens, from dual, than from single matings.

Still, all the same, sooner or later, men tire of methods which are alike troublesome and unremunerative, and dual mating is, in one sense, the most unremunerative thing that has ever been introduced into the Fancy. In another sense it is the most remunerative, as it produces the tip top show specimens.

But in all these things, if we are wise, we shall keep our eyes open to more than one point at once.

And the points that have impressed me against dual mating, I venture to think, are worth consideration. How the Poultry Fancy take its rise? So far back as I can trace it, it was

not the rich, the wealthy, the country gentleman, or the financier that gave initial being to the fancy. It was the laboring man, the man of small means, the man of small accommodation. You might have seen him fifty years ago, going with his spangled or penciled Hamburg under his arm to the village Inn on a Saturday night, to compete for a copper kettle, a pewter mug, anything, or even nothing sometimes, but the honor of licking his friend Dick, Tom or Harry. And it is to these men, in no little way, that we owe our present day shows. Without the small exhibitor shows would collapse here save and except the very largest. The small man is the backbone of the Fancy. But how seriously he is handicapped in the matter of dual mating? It is true, he can breed down one side only, for cockerels or for pullets. Yes, but look at the wasters he has on hand, either way. With a third of his produce almost uninteresting to him, if he be breeding pullets, and two thirds if he be breeding cockerels, there is not that inducement to ardour that the single mating system would encourage. He has a bit of waste land, common land, or a bit of back garden. It will rear about 25 or 30 birds. These in a big breed are perhaps as many as his weekly wages will allow him to nd food for. Out of these, 5 or 6 are cockerels, and alone attract his attention. He kills the pullets. They will never be show specimens. Often he kills them as soon as he is sure they are pulets. This is expensive work. Broodies cost money, and it is a loss to bring up 15 or 20 chicks to a month or six weeks old and then destroy them. He dare not sell them. Any one buying them for a trifle has only to purchase a good cock and reap the other man's reward. Breeders have always too many on hand, and so they must be killed sooner or later, as their pedigree price, which should be much, stands in consequence of the glut, at zero. One man I know, in the small and bantam breeds, says he cannot give his away. Then there is the desire to bring them all up, so as to be able to take the finest and fittest looking for breeding for one's self.

I have drawn the picture here for the working man.

But the same holds good about suburban and town breeders, and even country breeders, whose business does not throw them into the possession of land for purposes other than poultry raising. The ordinary farmer, who has such land, is not a fancier, and, apparently, no one can ever make him one, here in England. I

have tried in my parish for a great numebr of years, and even those who did a bit, 'as young men, won't look at the fancy now. They are too absorbed in other stock, and say they have too many duties in consequence.

So that, if all these breeders mentioned so far be eliminated from the Fancy, what is there left? The professional poultry farmer and the financier, both running the Fancy, as a speculation merely. So much capital down. So much return or they leave it. These men may and do raise 1,000 head of stock, to get a few crack kinds of each sex. They make it pay, no doubt, because they get such high prices for the best, and know when to kill or try to sell the best of the non-exhibition sex. And, having a great name, they can sell such where the amateur, the novice, the cottager, the man of small means and accommodation can sell perhaps none.

Still they have great wastages, huge food bills, weekly; yes, and a vast amount of trouble and anxiety over birds in hundreds, which from the day they were hatched never had a chance of ever becoming show birds.

The trick of dual mating is done—and so far as it has been done, it can never be repaired, except by the alteration of standards.

After all, standards are arbitrary things, ever changing factors, and though I could not recommend such drastic changes as the going back upon standards suddenly in those breeds where heavy capital has been already laid out, yet I think two things might be done. Our judges might gradually and imperceptibly draw to a common standard, which single mating could produce, and in new breeds they could rigidly stand out against such a diversity of points in the sexes as would compel double matings.

If this were done, hundreds of thousands of little breeders would again take up the role of fanciers. Every bird they bred would be of equal interest to them, both from a fancy and financial view. And not only that, but they would be spared a vast amount of expense, time and trouble, which they can ill afford.

I know by my own personal experience—I have only limited accommodation—more can neither be purchased or rented, and two thirds of the birds I rear annually are practically little use to me.

My interest lies solely in the cockerels. The pullets are useless cumberers of the ground, requiring just as much housing, just as much attention, as if they were exhibition bred,

and they foil the ground to the detriment of the cockerels, which cannot flourish in consequence, as they otherwise would do. Over and over again, in a season, do I inwardly wish, no such thing had ever been invented as standards, which demand dual mating.

Praise for the White Minorca.

I am not a poultry fancier, nor a breeder of fancy fowls, with sittings of eggs, or stock for sale. I keep a few hens of various breeds, and I have, in plenty, opportunities for observation and comparison of the qualities and value of other varieties. From boyhood I have kept fowls, and after a series of pastorates in city and country of 50 years, when I have them both for family use and for pleasure, I keep them still. In country pastorates where grounds were ample, and in city charges where lots were small, to furnish our table with good fresh eggs, and an occasional roast or stew was all I aimed at. Our trusty pony, Jersey cow and choice fowls comprised our outdoor family. I have tried Andalusians, Bantams, Brahmas, Black Spanish, Black Minorcas, Cochins, Creveceurs, Dorkings, Hamburgs, Games, Polands Plymouth Rocks and White Minorcas, variety enough, surely. Just before my youngest son went to the Hub for his university course he had acquired a fine lot of White Minorcas from a fancier who was leaving the State. They were of the Princess strain, and prize getters. For about six years I have kept them pure, using hens of other breeds for sitting. Minoracs are non-sitters. They will sometimes steal a nest and sit just long enough to spoil a clutch of eggs. Then they will go around singing as though race suicide had no terrors for them. Like some other bipeds, they are willing that their less aristocratic neighbors shall enjoy all the honors of perpetuating their species. Often before her eggs had been a week under the Plymouth Rock foster-mother Mrs. Minorca would be cackling gleefully over her new-laid treasure; and she'd keep it up all the season. With her it was not 10 eggs and a cluck, but twas 10 clucks and an egg. Such is their habit from early Spring to late Fall. The supply of eggs from all the Mediterranean breeds depends on warmth. Judging from my experience, if one has to buy every scrap of feed, aside from the table scraps, there is no profit in raising Winter eggs from any breed. Yet given the necessary warmth and a rightly balanced feed, any breed will yield a supply of eggs in cold weather; zero outside is of little moment

if the quarters inside can be kept at summer temperature.

As I have not been in for commercial ends I have sought the hen that will give the best flavored eggs, with the largest size and number, at the least outlay of money for feed. Then for a table fowl a good, well-fattened Minorca is hard to beat; good size, good color, plump and well-mated. We seldom sell, and do not care to buy, even turkey, when we have good mature fowls to select from for the roast. As foragers they know no superiors. From the hour that the half-dormant bug stirs, touched by the forces of Spring, until the last earth worm seeks security in his subterranean home the jaunty Minorca hen, with eyes alert and springy step, is on the lookout for egg material. She is no lazy slouch hanging around at all hours to listen for the rattle of the feed trough. She is a good feeder. Yet as the bigger the egg, the bigger the feed, and as the Minorca lays the largest egg of all the gallinaceous tribes, the breed may not be the most profitable for market supply. When over the grocer's counter you pay for a dozen of Lilliputian eggs the same price you pay for a dozen of large pearly white ones the difference to the to the consumer is quite considerable. While in the market an egg is an egg, in family pound for pound the larger is the more economical. No egg in the New York Market compares in size and value with the pearly Minorca. And around the house with her pure white plumage, which she keeps in admirable order, her delicate flesh pink legs, her large lop-over comb and the rich carbuncle color of comb and wattles, she is an elegantly dressed gallinaceous beauty. Yet she is not a faultless hen. Next to a Guinea hen she would win in a hurdle race. If she would not raid the strawberry bed while I took my morning snooze, or jump so high to pick the finest of my red raspberries; if she could only be induced to forego the pleasure of flying over the netting to get my earliest Delawares; if she wasn't so quick to hear the first ripe peach fall to the ground, I'd lift my hat and say to her: "Good morning, madam, most bright and beautiful of all the dainty fowls that grace our lawns and rob our gardens, and cackle forth your joy over that welcome gift of yours, a new-laid egg, I salute you, queen of all poultry yards, and ornament of our country homes."

T. EDWARDS.

In Rural New Yorker.

Story of a Squab and Poultry Farm. (From the Sun, N. Y.)

In the course of his constant collecting of "How to do it" literature, Henry Bleevehall ran across a book that made it apparent to the most stupid of readers that there was a moderate fortune in raising squabs, and that for anybody not satisfied with a modest fortune there was untold wealth in adding hens as a side line to the prolific pigeons.

Henry came into possession of his squab and poultry book before he had fully recovered from the effects of his book telling how to grow rich in Wall Street on a capital of \$100. So it was very timely, he thought, because the squab author was careful in his preface to explain that no capital at all was needed to embark in the hen business and allied industries. That is, no capital to speak of.

Of course, 50 cents for the first pair of pigeons was necessary, and another dollar for a brooding hen and a clutch of eggs ought to be invested if excessive wealth was desired. On the score of experience, however, the author was uncompromising. None at all was needed.

That particularly appealed to the Bleevehalls, for Mrs. Henry was just as sanguine as her husband, and neither of them had lost faith, not even after Wall Street. But she was cautious and more methodical.

"Now, we'll put down everything this time, so we'll know just how we stand," she said. "There's 25 cents that you paid for the poultry book."

And Mrs. Bleevehall neatly wrote "Dr." with "25" under it on a fresh sheet of paper with "Cr." off to one side for future use.

"This paper will do till we get a new blank book," she said, "or we might use the blank pages in your Wall Street stock book at first."

"Oh, no, let's have a fresh start altogether," remarked Henry, as he ran over the pages of his stock record to see just where his system had failed to hold up a falling market on a two point margin.

The next day he bought a nice dololar blank book with index letters on the edges of the pages so that no time would be lost later on by turning to the squab account when information concerning the broilers was wanted.

Of course they couldn't keep hens in a five room flat on Manhattan, so the Bleevehalls hunted up a place in the country within commuting distance. An advertisement which mentioned a good barn and a big hen run on a southeast slope attracted them.

"We've got to have a barn, because we'll have to have a horse to get the eggs and poultry to market, and it may be better to have the barn all ready instead of building one, although I have some very good ideas as to how a barn should be properly constructed," mused Henry.

He had been stocking up with free pamphlets from the Agricultural Department and by careful reading on the subway train had acquired information on every thing from the chemical constituents of the best fodder to the best sort of timber to grow for the railroad ties of the future. As a matter of fact squabs and poultry had already sunk to the insignificance of by-products in the agricultural dreams of the Bleevehalls, and when a friend at the office who couldn't keep up with Henry's jumps from fad to fad asked him one morning kindly how the market was doing he, forgetful of the existence of stocks and bonds, remarked sagely that visible wheat was scarce and that the berry crop was poor because of excessive rains.

Later on when Henry owned his first bag of wheat, visible or otherwise, and a bag of bran, he labeled each so that he wouldn't mistake one for the other.

He did know berries when he saw them, and so did Mrs. Bleevehall, and she pictured herself in the patch that was to produce at the rate of 5,000 quarts to the acre after Henry brought home the bulletin "How the Wife May Double the Farm Income with the Strawberry Bed."

By careful saving of the next three weeks salary they wound up the city grocery, meat, gas and telephone

bills, and had enough left over to move to the place with the barn and the hen run. Henry borrowed enough for the first month's commutation and for the initial pair of pigeons and the broody hen.

"We must begin gradually," remarked Henry as he gazed at the lone hen. "It is of course too late now to raise our own wheat this year or start the strawberry patch."

Having read much about the advantage of pure bred fowl, the Bleevehalls decided that they would let their hen lay her own eggs to hatch instead of running the risk of buying some outside.

"She'll lay an egg a day and in thirteen days have a clutch. Then three weeks later," continued Henry, hastily consulting his poultry pamphlet, "she'll hatch out her brood. That will give me time to make a coop and read up a little more on the best kind of chick feed. One must have something with a lot of nitrogen in it."

The neighbor who had sold them the hen explained that it was a barred Plymouth Rock, and they had discovered for themselves from the books that that was the best general purpose breed in the world. General purpose meaning, Mr. Bleevehall kindly explained to his wife, both meat and eggs.

"We probably won't want to sell the first thirteen eggs, as that will be our original stock," said Henry, "so we don't need a horse immediately. So far as the going back and forth between the farm (they insisted on calling it a farm) and the office is concerned, it is better for me not to have a horse, because the exercise is just what I need to harden me for haying and things like that next year."

"I don't mind that mile and a half walk a bit. Then the half hour on the trolley gives me a good opportunity to note the gardens along the way and see if they are according to the Agricultural Department bulletins and that hour's ride on the train twice a day will be just the chance for studying the farm pamphlets."

"I'll have plenty of daylight in which to do all the farm work and the milking, for we must have a cow."

"And Henry," exclaimed the equally enthusiastic Mrs. Bleevehall, "we must join the country club. Their links are right across the street, and we'll know a lot of nice folks and the exercise will do us both a lot of good."

"Of course," said Henry, "but, my dear, please don't say street—say road."

In the meantime the hen had been laying every other day instead of every day, according to schedule, but Mr. Bleevehall was equal to finding a cause for rejoicing even in that and declared that the chickens would be all the more rugged.

The neighbors were good to them. When Henry outlined his poultry plans to the man on the next place the neighbor asked what sort of a rooster he had.

"Why, we didn't think we'd get a rooster right away," was the reply. "By and by we expect to have roosters and incubators and probably a few ducks, but at the outset we just want the few chickens our hen is going to hatch. She's laid four eggs already."

"Better eat those eggs, neighbor," said his friend, "and then buy a rooster, or I'll lend you one."

For a moment Henry felt resentful toward the Agricultural Department, for it had never suggested the desirability of a rooster. However, the Bleevehalls bought a rooster and then, still on the advice of the neighbor, they bought nine more hens, thereby depleting the fund which Mrs. Bleevehall had set aside toward building a porte-cochere at the end of the piazza, so that when they got the horse she could get in and out of the carriage in a rainstorm without ruining her clothes and going to unnecessary expense for new gowns.

Both agreed that the hens should come first and they could save for the porte-cochere and other needed improvements by having their own eggs to eat instead of buying them. After they had had the first one for breakfast, soft boiled, Henry wasted none of his employer's time in the city by going round the office pitying his fellow workers and explaining to them that they didn't really know what eggs were.

At the end of a month Henry found, by chance, his first pair of squabs in the barn. It wouldn't do to take just one pair to market, and, besides, the new poultryman wanted to know if the meat of his squabs was everything in texture and flavor that the Government had said that it should be, so that he could conduct the business intelligently later on. So he hired a boy on the next farm to kill and dress the squabs and they had them for dinner. The other fellows at the office heard all about that too the next day, and they couldn't hardly believe that it was the same Henry Bleevehall who had once confided to them that he had some inside information on Colorado Fuel & Iron and B. R. T.

All this time Mrs. Bleevehall had, of course, been keeping the books faithfully and was proud of it; that long list of entries for grain, insect powder, wire netting, charcoal, oyster shells and tarred paper for the hen house roof, in the "Dr." column looked very businesslike. On rainy evenings Henry and his wife enjoyed adding it up and then multiplying and doing other things to the total and subtracting the product from what they estimated the "Cr." column would foot up to some time.

There was already one figure in the "Cr." column which gave them both a great deal of delight as an indication of what the future had in store for them. That figure was ".30," the amount which Henry had received from a friend at the office for one dozen of the farm eggs which had been taken in one morning to prove to some scoffer that he really was engaged in agricultural pursuits.

Mrs. Bleevehall had neglected to put down as part of the cost of the poultry business the charges for telephoning, at 30 cents a call, to let Henry know at the office every time that first hen laid an egg. In order to get in his walk, trolley, train and ferry and be on time at the office Henry had to leave the house before the hen was ready to produce for the day. On the other hand, if they were to succeed in poultry it was necessary for Henry to keep in close touch with the details of the business at the outset, so whenever the hen cackled during the first fortnight Mrs. Bleevehall rang up the rural central and asked, hurriedly, for New York.

One day the call came when Henry was out for luncheon and on his re-

turn an office boy gave him this cipher message:

"Another at about 11:15, a lovely shade of brown and a little larger than the one of day before yesterday. Will fry this one."

Neither did the Bleevehalls see fit to put down the 25 cents for killing and dressing the first pair of squabs. The books themselves had said that squab raising cost absolutely nothing and the one thing that Henry Bleevehall would never do was to try to go back of and undermine the authorities.

Things went remarkably well all summer. All Henry's relatives and all Mrs. Bleevehall's relatives went to see them for weekly visits so that they wouldn't get lonesome in the beginning of their country life. The guests were so enthusiastic about fresh eggs that once in a while the Bleevehalls had to buy a few from the neighbors, but they were just as good as their own. Next season, though, they assured each other, after their plans had been fully developed they would not only supply the nearby local market but have enough for themselves and company, with some to give away.

In another year, too, they would fix up a proper place for the pigeons. The barn, they had to admit, wasn't suitable, for the squabs grew faster than the books said, and flew away before they were caught.

In a fateful moment Henry read somewhere that it hardly paid to winter a flock of hens, that it was better to begin all over in the spring. He also realized that the ferry would be hampered by ice through the winter and he couldn't afford to be late at the office. And Polly Bleevehall was getting old enough now to go to dancing school and they ought to have city advantages, in the winter at least.

On top of all that, the country club had been a disappointment, because when the hunt season began in the fall the riding members of that organization in pursuit of an anise bag had dashed across the backyard in which Henry Bleevehall had planned to sow winter wheat for market. Henry cussed the hunters and that caused hard feelings, so that the Bleevehalls never joined the club.

None of these things alone, however, would have caused a change in their life plans. As a matter of fact Henry Bleevehall happened to run across an innocent looking book called "How to Succeed at Play Writing." He began at once on a plot, and both he and Mrs. Bleevehall fully realized that to make money of it he would have to go to the theatre frequently to make a study of stage business, which was impossible on the farm.

So the Bleevehalls did come back to Manhattan. But only for a year or two. As soon as Henry's royalties from his plays begin to roll in they will have a larger, better appointed country place and raise fowl merely for diversion and so that Polly may grow up with some intimate knowledge of living things and natural history.

That is the plan at present.

Problems of Interest to Poultrymen.

By Prof. J. J. E. Rice.

At the first field meeting of the Connecticut Poultry Association, held on June 20th, at Mr. F. O. Groesbeck's farm, at Vernon, Conn., Prof. James E. Rice, of Cornell University, spoke as follows:

"Breeders must not follow out the

line of pure blood alone. If they wish to get good results in production, said Prof. Rice, but they MUST breed along the lines of strong vitality. I would rather have a common fowl with constitutional vigor, than the best pure bred fowls in existence lacking it. Why "said he" I know of numbers of flocks of birds in my own state that are valueless because they lack the one salient quality of strong, vigorous vitality."

Primarily the reason for such a general low state of productiveness and vitality as exists, is attributed to the ever present human frailty of jumping at incorrect conclusions. This has taken form in the improper housing of fowls, which is probably the most potent direct cause of the trouble. It is not a matter of temperatures, steam heated or coal heated, although temperature does not affect egg production. But it is a matter of keeping the birds in the vitiated atmosphere of ill ventilated houses in which the trouble lies.

The hen's normal temperature is 105 to 106. She does not suffer as much on a cold day as a human being. But she can only keep warm by keeping alive those natural fires within her, that are kept burning by respiration, or practically combustion. The temperature is maintained only by the passage of pure air into the lungs, which act as a rapidly worked pump, and it is this pumping, or breathing, that keeps up the proper degree of warmth. This is the secret of it all. Hence a man who shuts his hens up in tight houses where the air becomes vitiated and stale can hardly expect to get anything but poor production and vitality as a result. As an example of this—take any two flocks of birds. Put one in a tight, vitiated pen, and the other where plenty of good pure air can circulate. The former flock will be the colder, and if the frost comes, it will be found that the hen or rooster that has its comb frozen will in the majority of cases come from the pen where the ventilation was poor.

A hen house does not have to be large. It should simply be large enough for the hens to heat it comfortably. As to the ventilation it should be reasonably open in front, so as to get air without a draft. The old theory that a hen house should be built on a hill is exhausted, and a new one that the more sheltered the spot the better, has come into existence. Allowing a cubic foot of air space for every pound of live weight, and figuring on the basis of a dairy stable, the hen house only needs to be one foot high. The main thing is to get a good and uniform circulation of fresh air. It is just as essential as corn, meal, meat, scraps, or anything else. It feeds the lungs, and they through the process of breathing, cleanse the whole body. By ducts running through the entire body, the hen can inflate herself with air. These passage ways or pipes run through bones, muscles and organs, so that it is essential that when they are used, that the air be pure instead of vitiated and stale. Prof. Rice told of the college experiment with ventilation. They had been using tight coops, thinking that they were keeping the cold air out and the warm in. They had, however, an increasing percentage of roup, infertility, and other troubles, as time went on. For a long while they could not understand it. Finally on the suggest-

ion of some one, two ventilated houses were tried. The results were immediate. Roup and kindred troubles decreased. The year following two more scratching pens were added, with the same result, and now all have them. The roup is disappearing, the eggs are showing a larger percentage of fertility, and they are getting better chickens.

The next problem is to find a properly ventilated house. The glass front was supposed to meet the demand, but it has been found wanting. In the glass front house, on cold days the moisture accumulates, on the principle that the inside being warmer than the outside. There is no chance for it to escape, and an unhealthy house is the result.

Prof. Rice then told of the experiment to find the proper kind of house, as conducted at Cornell. Two coops were built, one with glass front, the other with a muslin. The first part was to determine the effect on the vitality of the birds. Fifteen White Wyandotte Cockerels were put into each house. They were kept there some months, and each day readings were taken as to temperature, density of sunlight, dampness, etc. At the end of that time it was found that in the glass house, there was one with a bright red, and fourteen with lop, dull combs. In the muslin fronted coop it was just the reverse, fourteen had bright combs and only one had a lop comb. White Wyandottes were used because of their well known trait of showing their condition by the appearance of the comb.

The next experiment was to determine the effect of ventilation on egg productiveness. An equal number of Brown Leghorn pullets were put into each of the houses, and at the end of the specified time, it was found that four of the pullets in the glass front house had died, and that the birds in the muslin front coop had laid 86 eggs more than their competitors. In general, it was found that it was only 1½ degrees colder in the muslin fronted house, but that the moisture was greater in the glass coop, although the density of sunshine was proven to be three times greater in it than in the muslin fronted one. Hence the drawback of the latter is that it would be too dark, and Prof. Rice said that he believes in sunshine at all times of the day, and would construct the back of the house entirely of glass as well. So from these experiments there has been evolved a house that is part glass and part cloth in front. It is simply a section of glass, then a section of cloth, and in this way ventilation and sunlight is secured.

In reply to a question as to the amount of cloth, he said at present this was still under experiment. Burlap or muslin both good material to use. A question was also asked as to the relation of in-breeding to low vitality, and the speaker hit the practice good and proper, saying it was wrong on general principles and in philosophy. He said, however, that in-breeding might be indulged in mildly with large flocks, and that the size of the flock should determine the time for infusing flesh blood. Replying to another questioner, regarding pure blood and its relation to constitutional vigor, he said that purity of breed neither meant loss or gain in this respect.

Practical Pointers.

By Howell.

Last week I touched briefly upon the subject of selling goods, once they are produced, and the gradual tightening of the control of same by capital combinations.

It is no secret that \$20,000,000 stands ready in New York City to grasp the control of the dairy products that drift to the Metropolis. The backers of this scheme tell you that it means lower prices to the consumer and higher prices to the farmer, but such will never be voluntarily realized from a class of men shrewd enough to amass fortunes of millions. Once such a concern became the only seller a gradual rise in price to the consumer would be the result, and being the only buyer, every article would be used to keep the purchase price at the lowest point.

We all realize the passing of the middle man, but that is no reason for the man that grows the stuff to help amass other colossal fortunes, some one must put it at the door of the party that is going to eat it, and that someone ought to be the grower.

The best market in the world is the home market. It does not pay to buy lamb chops at thirty cents a pound and see chickens at twelve, this does not apply as yet, but will be seasonable by the time most flocks are ready for market.

There is no place in a flock for runts and weaklings, when you have a couple of chicks in a brood making no growth, their demise is only a question of time. The strong, vigorous fellows are the ones, you can see such stock grow day by day, like begets like, and stunted chickens grow into stunted fowls. There are many causes for chickens not doing good, those eighteen day hatched chicks I spoke of are going fast. I expected it, they were hatched so quick their inside development is not perfect.

Where the wings grow fast the chick is weakened, and it makes them look rough, if allowed to feed with others they get trampled upon and are used up trying to get out of the way.

Have just taken off the last brood for this season, a flock of ten bantam chicks, and fixed them up, coop cleaned and newly sanded, hen and brood dusted with lice powder and placed on the lawn. Last season we tried to raise the Bantams around the buildings, but the result was such the zero mark was reached. This year, regardless of the artistic disarrangement of the view, we have raised them on the lawn. The larger ones are now getting interesting and very tame at feeding time.

To raise Bantams successfully, they must be kept dry and not allowed to run much for a couple of weeks, and never while the dew is on the grass. A strip of inch mesh wire around the coop when first given their liberty will check their rambles. When first taken from the nest supply with grit and water before any food is given them. Lice is fatal. The object of this careful attention is to start them vigorously. Once they are feathered their growth can be checked and size reduced, but breeders have realized the uselessness of breeding weak stock with the idea of raising young that will live, and are not paying so much attention to size.

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The new edition of the American Standard of Perfection, containing the changes and additions made at Cincinnati last January, will not be ready for distribution until sometime in August. Orders received will be kept on file and filled in rotation when the supply of Standards arrives.

The American Fancier is preparing a list of books for poultry, pigeon and pet stock fanciers, which will be advertised shortly. They represent the careful selection from hundreds of publications printed in this country and in England.

Twelve issues of a monthly poultry paper cost fifty cents a year; fifty-two issues of The American Fancier cost one dollar a year. Yet some people think the latter price is high and do not think fifty cents a year for a monthly out of the way. The latter costs over four cents a copy, while The American Fancier averages less than two cents a copy. Advertisers have long appreciated the fact that a weekly paper helps them to dispose of eggs while the latter are fresh, and of stock while it is in good condition and before it begins to moult. The number of pages in The American Fancier runs from sixteen to twenty-four a week and as these pages are nine by twelve inches in size, the amount of reading furnished during the year is

greater than that in most monthly magazines. Besides, readers get the news while it is news. The monthlies are indispensable and valuable publications in their line and should be read in connection with The American Fancier by all progressive poultry fanciers. In order to assist our readers in selecting monthly poultry publications we make a special mid-summer offer in our advertising columns. This is a money saver and should be taken advantage of at once as the offer will be withdrawn after September first. Briefly put, we throw in a monthly paper free one year, for the subscription price of The American Fancier alone.

How many poultry papers could exist without the support of fanciers? This is a nice little question submitted to fair minded people interested in advanced poultry culture for discussion in these columns during warm and sultry weeks of July and August.

We invite our readers to send in articles on any or all subjects they are interested in. It is not necessary to write a world of words or follow and particular style in writing. What we want is facts briefly stated, with the signature of the writer attached to all communications. The value of an article in print in class publications is measured by the source it comes from. Real fanciers and practical poultrymen want to know who is authority for the statements that appear in print. A few paragraphs from a successful breeder, no matter how plain the style, will carry more weight than all the literary effusions of a theoretical and inexperienced fancier and breeder.

The American Fancier aims to give the news of the poultry world, not only in America, but in other countries as well. In doing this, it has freely drawn from other publications, such

articles as were deemed of interest to our readers. It has recognized the fact that writers exist in England, Canada, Belgium, France, as well as in America. It has also recognized the fact that other journals have rights that are to be respected and when a "good thing" appears in one of our contemporaries, we frequently reprint the same, giving credit to the source and its author. A judicious use of the shears is far better than the abuse of faking the writings of others and claiming such as original contributions.

Re-written articles may fool the uninitiated reader; the posted fanciers, never. True journalism as well as honest readers are opposed to such. We regret to say that such practices are far more common than is commonly supposed. An editor who will not give credit to a writer or a publication for an interesting article, but fixes up same and palms it off as his own is far more dangerous than the editor who swipes the article completely—but who, publishes it intact with the author's name, omitting conveniently the source he took it from. The same holds good with illustrations. Publications that pay good money for original cuts are up against the pilfering publisher who reproduces them, erasing the "credit work" for purely selfish motives. The Poultry Press Association, if it still exists, could have a fine field for investigation if it ever started in on the above mentioned abuses. That the latter exist all decent publishers will admit.

Prof. James E. Rice made the following pertinent remarks at the Poultrymen's Field Day, held at Vernon, Conn., recently:

"In any flock, there are some fowls weaker than others, and the contrast sometimes is very marked. Two lines of stock hence are naturally formed. The one with the weak and ever weakening vitality, and the other with the stronger and always increasing vigor. The decision of the fancier or breeder is which to use. As an example of what he meant by constitutional vigor, he told of a pair of Brown Leghorns he had seen, which were first prize winners at St. Louis. Their owner took one, and holding it high dropped it to the floor. It immediately bounded into the air like a fluff ball. And its mate did the same thing. They were both full of vigorous healthy blood. How often though, there is found in the same pen two birds mated—one weak, the other strong, and simply because perhaps they both happen to be pure bred."

Very true, no doubt in some instances, but wise fanciers seldom, if ever, breed from weak birds. And there is a more general wisdom in the average fancier than some of our practical poultry lecturers are willing to give him credit for. The illustration Mr. Rice gives about the "bouncing" Brown Leghorns is apt, but is it such an infallible sign of stamina one would suppose by reading the above? We once remember handling a Game Bantam that in style, station and vigor surpassed anything in the showroom—the day he was judged. The following day he was as limp as a dish rag and had neither style, station or vigor. He had been "doped" by the shrewd exhibitor prior to the judging and won the blue ribbon. After the dope left him, he and his owner won something

else not exactly printable.

Mr. Louis M. Mier, Rutherford, N. J., advertises his entire collection of Polish for sale in this issue of The American Fancier. This will be a rare chance to secure some choice birds, including the Madison Square Garden winners. Mr. Mier will keep only White Wyandottes and White Leghorns in the future, as his space is limited. This compels him to part with his Polish.

Mr. W. A. Smith, proprietor of Otselic Farms, Whitney's Point, N. Y., reports over one thousand birds hatched and doing well this season. As Mr. Smith is very largely interested in breeding Ornamental fowl, both land and water varieties, his success getting a large number of the rare varieties hatched and growing should prove a financial plum of no mean size to him next fall. There is a large demand for ornamental fowl of all varieties and it is bound to increase in the future to keep up with the many fine suburban homes that are being built and where anything that is attractive to the eye, be it feathers or hoof, finds willing buyers. Pheasants, Peafowl, and Wild Ducks are especially sought after and fine specimens command good prices at all times.

Mr. T. J. McCarty, the able and wide-awake secretary of the Charleston Poultry Association writes: "The 'Banner Show of the South,' conducted by the Charleston Poultry Association during December of last year proved such a success in every way, that the management have decided to make more elaborate preparations for the coming exhibition, December 14 to 19. Judges G. O. Brown and F. J. Marshall have been selected to preside. This show will be judged by comparison, and the regular and special money will be double what we paid last year." This looks like business. We do not recollect a show conducted on better lines than the Charleston Show of last season. The catalogue of awards with Judges' comments was a feature in itself and might profitably be copied by other societies. The officers of the Association are composed of representative citizens and thoroughbred fanciers residing in the historic old city of the Palmetto State. It would do some of our Northern exhibitors a world of good to send some birds down there, and, better still, to visit with the fanciers there.

Here is the latest yarn on the of the hen for laymen, taken from the New York World, of July 9th:

"Baltimore, July 8.—John G. Herman, a devout layman, has organized the chickens in the neighborhood of Wesley Methodist Episcopal Church, near Sykesville, Carroll County, Maryland, into a missionary society to raise funds to aid the the church. Each hen is a lay member, so to speak.

"The farmers of the neighborhood have agreed to give the church the eggs that their hens lay on Sunday. They will be placed in a basket at the pulpit every Sunday afternoon at the hour of the Epworth League meeting, and Mr. Herman will stamp each egg with the date on which it was laid. The following day, Monday, he will bring them to Baltimore. He has agreed to realize two cents on each egg, no matter what may be market price."

Our old friend, Judge G. O. Brown, who has started a big poultry supply department store in Baltimore, had better "get a move on" and assist in the praiseworthy undertaking of securing the requisite two cents for each egg laid by the Sunday workers in the feathered tribe at Sykesville. The week-day hens of New Jersey are earning that right along now at present.

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The bitter feeling engendered in England "betwixt" the management of the once great Crystal Palace Show and the officers of the newer and more lively rival, the International has stirred the English fancy up to a point where something must be done to bring the fighting element back to a stern realization of the conditions that are no longer theories. It seems the younger organization is showing the most commendable spirit in trying to adjust matters, to judge by the following editorial squib in our excellent contemporary, Pigeons and Poultry:

"What appears to us to be a very important declaration reaches us from Mr. R. T. Thornton, the Hon. Sec. of the International Show, with reference to the financing and holding of the next Crystal Palace Show. Mr. Thornton's communication plainly tells its own tale. To say the least, we think that the repeated efforts of the International people to join hands with the Palace authorities, and thereby avoid further unfortunate clashing, speaks well for them, and we sincerely hope that the Palace people will meet one or another of these overtures in a proper spirit, and without delay endeavour to bring about the universally desired amalgamation. If this is going to be done at all it is high time that it was done, as very soon the two secretaries will be wanting to make their own arrangements. Mr. Thornton says:—'I note that Mr. Holt is appealing for help of those who wish to have a pecuniary interest in future Palace shows. I beg to say I am authorized by the committee of the International Show to state that they are willing to finance the Palace Show, and to amalgamate with it provided that proper terms can be arranged.'"

That reminds us, while referring to our English contemporary, Poultry and Pigeons, of Editor Watmough's happy quotation at the head of his column, Yard and Loft, viz: "May the wing of friendship ne'er moult a feather."

Real fanciers and admirers of all that is beautiful in the feathered tribe, and the pleasures derived in association with others of the same mind, will appreciate at their full value the words that make up a sentence that express more aptly the true brotherhood of man than anything we have read or heard in chicken lore.

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A large and very enthusiastic meeting of the North Carolina Poultry Association was held at Greensboro recently, and it was voted to hold the tenth annual show at Charlotte, N. C., January 14 to 19, 1907. G. O. Brown was selected to place the ribbons. W. B. Alexander was again elected Secretary, and is the right man in the right place. He feels very proud of the fact that his is the only Association in the South ready to hold its tenth annual exhibition. Certainly a fine record.

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The Rev. J. N. Williamson, of England, contributes an article on

single matings, written especially for the American Fancier, which appears on another page of this issue. It should be carefully read by every reader of this paper no matter whether he or she are believers in double matings or not. There is much to be said on both sides of this question, and we trust that fanciers and breeders who do not agree with Mr. Williamson will speak out and give their views. A healthy discussion on such matters never can do harm. On the contrary, it may be productive of much good.

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A writer wants to know "why the State Agricultural Experiment Stations don't settle what is the cause of the gape worm." The writer evidently wants his money's full worth. About a dozen theories have already been settled upon as the cause. We are interested in discovering a successful remedy or genuine preventive. It would indeed be a great thing for the poultry industry, the solving of this terrible pest of the poultry yard, the gape worm enigma.

Other pests, such as lice and mites, their is quite satisfactory reasons or evidences for their undue visitation. Occasionally, however, the conditions that are considered, would make poultry premises immune from these things, do not stop their appearance. When the hot days come the poultryman's real troubles begin. Perseverance of a stricest is necessary.

It is a delight to notice how much real enjoyment a mechanic can have by keeping a few pigeons or chickens. Even in the cities, when only a small yard is the rule, they enjoy their pets. It is a wholesome pleasure, a relaxation from work, fatigue and worry, that is health for body and mind. The children of such men are naturally kind hearted, and grow up to become our useful and praiseworthy citizens.

A very practical suggestion is made by Professor Graham of the Connecticut Agricultural College, who suggests that a prize for the best dressed poultry should be given at the agricultural fairs or at field meetings held by the State Board of Agriculture on the subject of poultry, also a prize for the most meaty bird. The subject of dressed poultry has always been neglected, partly because it is a less prominent part of the business in this section than the production of eggs, and partly because it is of no special interest to breeders who have pure bred fancy stock to sell at high prices.

If your chicks disappear, watch the cat, watch your neighbor's cat, watch all cats, and keep them off your premises if you have to plant a few of them. Cats do lots of mischief in the poultry yard that is blamed on rats. Rats are bad enough, but a cat with an appetite for chickens will do more damage in a week than rats will in a month. Beware of the cat.—Kansas Farmer.

All kinds of poultry delight in working over newly ploughed ground for insects, says Epitomist. The number of insects destroyed in one day by a large flock of fowls cannot be estimated, but it is certain that each bird will fill its crop several times during the day and will also keep busily at work until night. The turkey and guinea will forage over a wide territory when on a grass plot and destroy thousands of noxious insects.

Don't let the summer hen's nests become a vermin breeding place. Frequently replenish nesting material, burning the old. Wash nest with coal oil or white wash, in which there is carbolic acid. Use insect powders or lice killers freely.

Scientists now declare there is a "laziness germ." Just imagine how terribly infested some people must be with it. Animals seem to be troubled with it in warm weather too. The festive sitting hen must occasionally be troubled with this germ too.

Whether dry-feeding methods are best or not, the agitation of the subject has been beneficial. It has caused mashers or mixed foods to be more carefully made up. Sloppy, wet food is not the thing for either fowls or chicks. The man who mixes his mashed foods so that they are of crumbly consistency can satisfactorily compete with dry-feeding methods.

Much of the troubles in some flocks in summer is directly due to improper water supply. Plenty of water is given, but too much at a time, and it is allowed to become sickly hot in the sun. When fowls want a drink, hot water does not satisfy the thirst any more than it would a human being.

G. O. BROWN, Parkville, Md.

Canadian Poultry Institute Doings.

From the First Annual Report of the Poultry Institute of the Province of Ontario; Published by the Department of Agriculture, Toronto, Canada.

The 1st annual meeting of the Poultry Institute of Ontario was held at the Agricultural College, Guelph, on the 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th of March, 1906.

When Mr. W. R. Graham, Manager of the Poultry Department of the Ontario Agricultural College, opened the first meeting of the Institute, every seat in the Lecture Room of the Poultry Department was occupied.

On motion, L. H. Baldwin, Deer Park, Toronto, was elected to the chair, and occupied the position throughout the subsequent proceedings.

The Chairman: I am sure I deem it an honor to be asked to act as Chairman of the first meeting of the Poultry Institute. I think we will get a great many practical results from the meeting. I am going to ask Mr. A. J. Hunter, an expert from the other side of the line, to speak to us on "Dry Feeding." I do not think I need say much in introducing Mr. Hunter, because we all know him from what he has written in the poultry papers.

Advertising rates in The American Fancier are very low, as they were fixed at a time when the circulation was only about one-half what it is at present. There is no cheaper advertising to-day, all things considered, than is offered by this publication.

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A Good Cat Story.

A clergyman had a cat which was a great favorite in the family, and endowed with some qualities not usually credited to her humble species. Puss at one time had a very interesting family of little kittens. They were all bright and active, but one of them was observed to have a greater resemblance to its mother than the rest, and was indeed the prettiest kitten of the whole, and the mother showed a peculiar attachment to it. A neighbor begged one of them, and being allowed her choice selected the favorite and carried it home. All this occurred in the absence of the feline mother, who, on her return, evidently observed with concern the absence of her pet. She immediately commenced searching the house and outbuildings, insisted on having the doors opened for her admission to all the rooms in the house, and when satisfied that it was not on the premises, she instituted a similar search throughout the neighborhood. Occasionally she would return to her remaining little ones for the purpose of meeting their demands on her for nourishment, and then she would again renew the search for her lost favorite. Having explored the premises of all the near neighbors, she at length entered the last house in the village, where she finally found the object of her long and persevering pursuit. She caressed it with every manifestation of maternal fondness and delight, fed it, and then, much to the surprise of the lady of the house, took her departure, leaving the kitten behind. She was not, however, long absent. In a few hours she returned, bringing one of her other kittens in her mouth, which she placed on the floor beside the newly found. "Ah!" thought the lady, "so I am to have the mother and all her progeny quartered upon me." This, however, was not the intention of the cat; for after caressing the kitten she had brought for a few moments, she took the other in her mouth and carried it to its former home, and never after visited the one she had given in exchange for it.

Love Plants of West Indies.

"Did you ever hear of the love plant?" asked Captain Atwater, of the schoolship Saratoga, who was showing several visitors over the old craft the other day. "I have several in the cabin."

He showed three small leaves attached to the ceiling by strings. They were without any soil or foundation, but were green, and from each there sprouted a dozen or more little leaves, greener and fresher than the main leaf itself.

During our last cruise in the West Indies," the Captain continued, "I visited a deserted English fortress, which was grown over with shrubbery. A native plucked several leaves from a vine and told me to hang them somewhere and write the name of my best girl on them. 'If they die,' he said, 'she does not love you. If they sprout she does.' I put my wife's name on one and my two daughter's names on the others. You see, although they have been without nourishment for three months, all three are sprouting well and my family's affection is assured."—Philadelphia Record.

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Farm, Field and Garden

BY G. O. BROWN

The chestnut trees are prolific with bloom. The chestnut crop never fails.

The finest peaches, probably, ever seen at this time of year, are now quite plenty in the Baltimore markets. Indications point to an enormous crop in Maryland and Delaware—something like the old time yields.

During 1850 the average yield of milk per cow was less than 1,500 pounds, and production of butter about 60 pounds, selling at about 12 cents a pound. The average from 1890 to 1900 was 3,640 pounds, and butter 150 pounds. The dairy supplies are better in average quality too. Cows are now a great source of profit. Good accommodations, and scientific feeding methods has evolved new and paying results in the dairy.

If you will pick the raspberries in the early morning you will find they are nicer than when picked when they are heated with the sun. The cold night air gives them a much fresher taste.

Farmers who have good gardens have a veritable health resort to draw supplies from. City visitors to farms often comment on the excellence of the vegetables. Why shouldn't they be fine? They're just fresh from the garden, and have not gone through the vegetable sweat that is customary with shipped vegetables. The same can be said of all kinds of fruits.

Harvest time means some pretty strenuous work. Having everything in readiness, so no delays will occur, will be a help. The mows or baracks, the hay wagon, hay bed, forks, mowers and reapers, harness, all are to be looked after. Harvesting requires rapid work so to secure all possible advantages of weather conditions. When the time comes to start in there should be no cause for delay. The women folks have their troubles too at harvest time. Extra hands to cook for makes extra baking and cooking. Help them to make preparation ahead for the event.

The plum curculio breeds not only in plums, but in peaches, cherries, nectarines, and apricots. It can be controlled largely by putting a sheet on the ground and jarring the tree, and destroying the beetle. It hibernates in the ground, and many can be destroyed by letting chickens and hogs run in the orchard. They breed only once a year, and thus may be easily controlled by active measures.

A writer in an exchange makes one have an appetite when he writes: "The full value of the vegetables and fruit from the family garden is never fully realized unless there's a Jersey cow co-operating. Her product in the shape of milk, cream and butter puts the finishing touches on succulent vegetables and juicy fruits, adding a hundredfold to their palatability. The writer's old bossy and the strawberry bed will be in full conjunction about the middle of June, and it is a season that is looked forward to almost as much as Christmas.

Remember that beans can be put in for string bean use even in July. Keep the garden soil in use with some growing crop. Do not allow weeds to mature seed. When it gets too late to plant any vacant places for a crop sow some wide drills of sweet corn fodder, with crimson clover in between. The latter will make a good winter corn crop suitable for turning under in the spring.

"There is too much rain," "too little rain," "weather's too hot," "it's too cool." In fact no climatic conditions are ever just right with some farmers. An exchange sensibly says: We will act wisely if we make the best of things as they come to us. There are certain ones in this town who are always putting up a "holler" about hard times. They never see anything to be thankful for or to feel jolly about. They know that the spring is so backward that the crops will be a failure this year. There is always something disastrous going to happen. The worst is to be expected and nothing else will do them. They never look on the bright side and always find the dark places. It is just as well not to be too critical or captious and find something to commend instead of so much to condemn.

If you will cut off all the seed pods from the roses, preventing them from maturing seed, the bushes will grow more wood and be stronger. To get best results with newly set bushes this plan should be followed. Also, as soon as blooming is over, loosen the ground around the bushes and give a good coating of litter for mulch. Without the mulch protection the bushes suffer considerably from the extreme heat of the direct sun on the exposed soil. Mulches are good conservators of moisture.

Scrub stock is often a mortgage on the farm. A sensible exchange says: Unprofitable stock is a worse investment for a farmer than a bogus gold brick. The brick costs a certain amount of money once in his lifetime; while the poor stock is a continual loss.

DRY FEEDING: THE NEW POULTRY CULTURE.

By A. F. Hunter, West Roxbury, Mass.

For many years past there has been a growing dissatisfaction with both the methods employed and the results attained in our poultry work. The methods employed have involved an excess of labor and the results attained have been, in far too many cases, disappointing; the disappointments taking the form of poor health of the flocks of both mature birds and young chicks, resulting in a lowered egg-yield, increased mortality, diminishing profits, and in very many cases an abandoning of the poultry business. That there may be many contributing causes to the unsatisfactory results has been conceded by poultry writers, among them unsanitary conditions in

the houses and grounds of yards poisoned by the droppings, vermin infestation, stock debilitated by inbreeding and breeding from late hatched and consequently immature pullets and cockerels, bungling methods of feeding, shutting the birds up in tight houses, etc. Any or all of these may have helped to the unsatisfactory results above noted.

In the last few years observing poultrymen have been experimenting along two different paths, in the hope of finding aids to better results; one of these paths being to more and more open up the houses to fresh air and sunlight, the other being a better and more common-sense method of feeding. The first of these we have not time to study in detail, merely pausing to observe that it is a decided gain in method, and substantially improves the conditions of health in the flocks; the second, that of feeding, gives us all the range we have time for to-day.

That quite a good deal of the trouble we have been having with our flocks was due to defects in methods of feeding has come to be the opinion of many observers, and of late the feeling has been gaining ground that the feeding of a cockerel mash is a serious mistake. One reason for this is found in the fact that the fowls gobble the food down very quickly, far too quickly for the digestive organs to properly perform their allotted task, and the results have appeared in the form of indigestion, looseness of the bowels, and other symptoms of the birds being out of condition. Not infrequently the birds become over-fat, the organs become engorged, a blood vessel bursts, and the fowl is found dead under the roost in the morning. The explanation of this is that feeding a cooked mash is "forcing" the birds beyond their ability to digest and assimilate; it is analogous to "forcing" for rapid growth of tender delicate flesh for market, and the process is all right for chickens that are to be killed early for the table; for that definite purpose the quicker the growth the greater the parents of strong, vigorous setts and profit, but for birds that are to endure the strain of persistent egg-production, and are to be the parents of strong, vigorous, bound-to-live offspring, the "forcing" process invites disaster, because it induces and continues a condition of tenderness, which is exactly opposite from the hardness so desirable for the best results.

The conviction that feeding a cooked (or wet) mash is a mistake is well illustrated in the statement of a poultryman, writing in one of the poultry papers, who says:—"When I want to force the birds to heavy egg-production I feed a cooked mash, but when I want to get good, strong-bodied eggs, eggs that will hatch out a good proportion of strong, vigorous chicks, I feed the breeding pens a dry-mash and all dry grain,—and I get eggs that will hatch!" There is a clear statement of the conviction that mash-feeding is a mistake if we want the limit of strength and vigor, and who does not? It is clear that not only the best of health and strength is desired by all who want the best profit from their flocks, and it is being demonstrated by experiment that the best and most continuous egg-yield is gotten by a radical departure from the coked-mash method of feeding, and

adopting the method suggested by our friend quoted above, of feeding the mash dry and supplementing it with the usual feeds of grains and seeds.

A farmer in Illinois tells his experience in feeding, and how he came to adopt the dry-feeding method, he says: "After reading much upon the subject, I concluded the greater part was nonsense, and I now fully believe that inside the next ten years feeding poultry in every stage will be much simplified. I have had some experience in growing hogs, and did considerable experimenting with feeding. I found that by using ground, mixed grain, fed dry, I could grow a prettier more shapely and firmer fleshed hog than by feeding a slop.

"Nothing under the sun fed in its natural state will blow up a pig to such an extent as a rich slop, and no pig so fed will have the fine symmetrical appearance of one that is fed more in accordance with nature. I fully believe the slop feeding is destructive of the digestive organs of the pigs, and also fully believe the mash business for chickens and hens gives the same unfortunate result. Any mash will begin to sour soon after being eaten and subjected to the heat of the body, and this too early souring of the food in the crop, before it is properly passed on to the gizzard and intestines, is the foundation of sour-crop and bowel trouble. I will guarantee you that if cracked or whole grain is given regularly (and not in spurts now and then), examination of the crop at any time will not reveal that sour smell so frequently noticed in mash-fed hens.

"When dry-fed a chick will not gulp down a great amount of the food at one time, and I fully believe that with dry-feed moistened with saliva it will not sour nearly so quickly as if moistened with hot water or milk. If my method of feeding will grow good, healthy Plymouth Rock pullets to weigh 7½ to 8½ pounds in seven or eight months, I believe that pullet is in better shape to lay, and, if continued on dry-food, will at two years of age lay as many or more eggs than will a mash-fed chick and hen; and not only this, but the eggs will be larger and more fertile, and when you come to sell the carcass it will both have a better appearance and better weight. I know the eggs I am getting now are better in size, color and shell than any I ever bought; I mean 35 to 50 per cent. better in quality, and this I attribute to my having adopted the dry-feeding method. I am certain that dry food properly fed means health, with no sour-crop and no bowel trouble.

"When I began dry-feeding I had never seen an article upon the subject. I knew I could do better with hogs on dry food, but had never studied why. I knew I had too much to do, was too busy with the farm work to grow chickens with mashes. I planned my year's campaign before a chick was hatched, that is, the best of grain, sweet milk before the chicks all the time, beef scraps also, and charcoal accessible all the time, with clover hay chaff for litter, and good range. I have experimented with dry feed for chicks for two years, the past year for all ages of poultry, with the best of success."

Here is another writer's argument: "Well-bred chicks are naturally hardy. Chicks born of strong, hardy parents,

co. into the world about as well fitted for the battle of life as anything we know of. Given half an opportunity, fed within the bounds of reason and common sense, and properly brooded, it seems almost impossible to kill them. They have an ample coat of down which protects them from almost all kinds of weather for short periods. Given a well regulated brooder they will cheerily run out into an almost zero temperature, and apparently be as happy and contented as though it was warm summer weather,—and they certainly grow much better than when placed in what some call better conditions. Fed improperly, or kept in too warm a temperature, or when they are so unfortunate as to have had weak parents on one or both sides, the reverse conditions seem to be the result,—they are about as delicate, puny and unsatisfactory atoms of mortality as the world produces.

"By closely studying nature's methods with chicks we find that the mother hen, leaving the nest when the chicks are from one to two days old, does not have a chance to lead the way to a dough dish and fill them up with an indigestible mess of dough. On the contrary, she starts out on a hunt, and, if she is undisturbed, she makes a good display by nightfall, and has succeeded in filling the crops of her numerous family. If we could dissect those chops we would not find a scientifically prepared mixture of one to four, or one to five, or "sixteen to one;" or any other startling array of chemical combinations. Instead, we would find a bug or two, a worm, some seeds that we may have carefully planted in the parden a day or two ago, together with a variety of weed seeds, and plenty of grit. This composite mas has been gathered together in ten or twelve hours' time, with a liberal sprinkling of exercise thrown in, and if the weather conditions are favorable and the mother hen does not drag the youngsters around through the wet grass too much in the morning, she usually comes out at the end of the season with as many full sized chickens as she started from the nest with.

"Your mash-fed chicken gets up in the morning, waits around an hour or two until the feeder gets ready to bring along a bucket of hot or cold mash, which is thrown down on a board or trough and a wild scramble begins. Each one gulps down what he can reach; the weaker get a little and the stronger get the bulk of the mash. If the mash is hot it raises the temperature of the birds above the normal, perspiration is started, and this opening of the pores of the skin paves the way for a chill, and the foundation of colds and roup is laid. The food goes through the crop with very little change except fermentation, and the extra work of preparing the food for digestion is thrown upon the gizzard and intestines, whereas the saliva of the mouth and kneading of the crop should have done quite a little towards softening and partly digesting it.

"But, it is objected, the fowls won't eat it! This is true. They will not eat the dry mash for a day or two, when they have been brought up on the wet mash ration, but brought up on a dry mash they eat it freely and whenever the appetite prompts, and it never stands before them sour,—the

last spoonful in the hopper is as sweet as the first.

"Furthermore, each bird gets its full share. There is no wild scramble for the heaps of wet mash in the trough. A bird goes to the food-hopper and eats two or three mouthfuls of the dry mash, taking time to turn over and properly moisten it with saliva, and then turns away to search for other bits, as a seed or two, or a grain of wheat, or oats, or barley, or kernel of corn; there being no frantic scramble for the feed-hopper there is ample time for each bird to help herself to all she wants, and they all get their full share.

"The pith of the argument for dry feeding lies in that eating, slowly, a bit at a time; first a mouthful of dry mash, then a bit of grain, or a seed or two, and then a snip at a clover leaf or head, then to the drinking fountain for a sip of water. It does not take us long to discover that this is exactly the way the fowl or chick eats when running wild and finding its food bit by bit. It is nature's way for a bird to feed, and if we but do our part in supplying the essential food elements so that the birds can take what they want and as they want it, the conditions seem to be right for them to eat in the natural way, and they will eat no more than they want and eat it in the way their systems can best appropriate it."

Dr. Nottage, of Goshen, Mass., who is a sturdy advocate of the dry-feeding method, says: "To better understand the advantages of dry-feeding, let us look at the method I employ in using the grains. The fact that I have got rid of mixing and cooking mash, and am now feeding most of the time from feed-hoppers, shows how much easier it is to care for a good sized flock of fowls. The advantages are apparent to all who feed their flocks four or five times a day, and are constantly fussing with them. I have come to be spoken of by the farmers around here as 'the man who feeds his hens twice a week,' from the fact that during the growing period, from the incubator to the pullet that is about beginning to lay, I feed all the grain and beef scraps from feed-hoppers which I fill twice a week. Keep in mind that all young stock is on free range, and the laying birds in yards so ample they seldom wander to the ends of them; also, that this laying stock is let out to wander at will on alternate days.

"Have plenty of grit where the chicks can pick it up for their first meal. Get your miller to mix together one part of good sound wheat to two parts of sound corn and crack them a little finer than common cracked corn. Put a small heap of this in the front of the brooder, and beside it a small heap of dried beef scraps, from which the coarser pieces have been sifted out; this sifting out of the coarse pieces to continue until the chicks are big enough to eat the scraps as they come to hand. If you have skimmed milk keep the youngsters on that for a drink until they become a little tired of it, which may be into two or three weeks; you can then let them have their choice between milk and water. If there is not a green sod for them to pull and work at when they get into their second week, chop up some onions, or lettuce, or cabbage, and let them have some once a day. Get them out on the

ground as soon as there is a blade of green grass to be seen pushing up through the sod."

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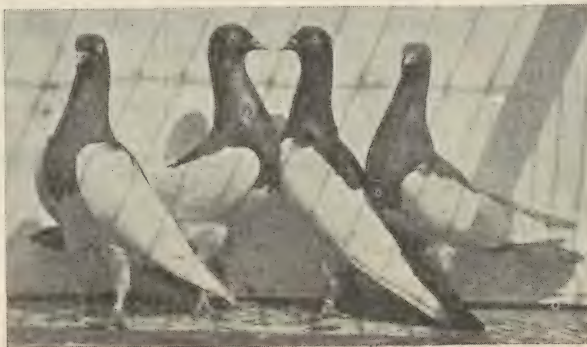
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The reproduction on the title page of this issue was taken at Wilmington, Del., two minutes before the liberation of the One Hundred Mile "Con-Course Race" for the Kuett Trophy. Over five hundred homers are in the crates ready to be released by Mr. John C. Green.

Mrs. Green is seen standing beside her husband holding the watch.

Mr. Reider had the honor of capturing this race.

It is always bad policy to procrastinate. But never worse than when the Pigeon Fancier puts off purchasing what he needs.

Look up the names of the best Fanciers, those whose stock has a good reputation, and get in touch with these breeders, and improve your strain.

The best of strains need strengthening at some time or other. It is poor policy to believe this cannot be done. Many fanciers who stood at the top a few years ago, are now among the "has beens" in pigeon circles, and their places taken by those who have profited by infusing new blood of the right sort.

The in-breeding of a strain will in time have a decided bad effect.

In-breeding is the secret to success in all thoroughbred stock. But only when handled by a most competent expert. By expert we mean one who has a perfect knowledge of the strain he is breeding. The many articles written on in-breeding has indeed induced many young fanciers to really forget the other valuable points he has learned, generally from books describing his favorite variety.

How often we see a beginner who has purchased birds from this or that winner, sold to him generally at a very low price as stock birds.

Birds of no merit except their pedigree, if that can be called a merit. It is possible to breed a few from such stock that might be a trifle better in quality, but would take years to produce specimens such as shown at our annual exhibitions.

Stock birds, such as produce the winners, are far more valuable than the winners themselves, and cannot be purchased for a song.

We understand Mr. Frank Gorse has not had his usual success this season with his tumblers owing to his increased business. But when the awards are placed next season will probably get his share of blues.

Mr. W. Theo. Wittman will have charge of the Poultry and Pigeon Department of the Allentown, Pa. Fair held September 18th, 21st, 1906.

This fair is well supported, a very liberal classification and prize money are offered.

The Inter-State Fair at Trenton, N. J., will probably offer a new feature in the pigeon classification this season. What the management want to avoid is empty honors.

At a large number of shows we see too many one or two bird classes.

Firsts in these classes are poor testimonials of stock, although not the fault of the exhibitor, who probably owns a really first class loft of birds. What we like to see is competition, and then the proud owner of first has cause to feel elated over his success.

In this country we have too large a classification in some varieties.

Few fanciers care to exhibit when they believe their birds will be the only ones of that color shown, and as the colors are all classified do not exhibit at all at these shows.

If they were shown in the same class with their brother, who is probably strong in another color of the same variety. They would make an entry.

The San Francisco Examiner recently contained an editorial in which it was stated that the people of San Francisco are again demanding the best eatables that the markets of the world afford, the people, that is, outside the refugee camps, and there is a big city yet left in the metropolis which has been accustomed to all the good things of life, and including fat squabs, and they, the squabs will never be a drug on the market there. But we think really that the fancier who gets the most enjoyment out of squab culture is the one who supplies his own table with them. To a genuine pigeon fancier all this talk about keeping pigeons for profit is disgusting. All he wants is the birds that hit his eye when he looks at them, they are his pets and pride, kept to please him and to show to his friends. While occasionally some nice squabs for the home table, well, they contribute to the general enjoyment.

Fanciers' Poultry Association of New Jersey.

The following officers were elected at the regular annual meeting of the Board of Directors held at Newark recently, for the year ending June, 1907: President, A. L. Sparks, Swainton, N. J.; Vice-President, Fred Huyler, Peapack, N. J.; Treasurer, Miles Hanchett, Orange, N. J.; Secretary and Superintendent, T. Farrer Rackham, Newark, N. J. Executive Committee, J. N. Sinnock, T. F. Rackham, E. F. Duffy. The Poultry Department of the Great Inter-State Fair, Trenton, N. J., September 24th to 28th, 1906, is

to be conducted by and under the auspices of the Fanciers' Poultry Association of New Jersey. It is to be hoped that fanciers will support this show liberally and the Secretary will appreciate any donations for cash or other specials. Premium lists are now ready for publication and information should be sent in as early as possible.

T. FARRER RACKHAM,
Secretary.

Newark, N. J., July 5, 1906.

MUFFED TUMBLER.

(By W. Show.)

Continued From July 7th Issue.

Whitesides.

These are charming Pigeons, and meet with universal favour from visitors to shows. No variety requires such care as to the condition in which it is put down, as a whiteside shown dirty and in poor condition looks an object for pity. They are found in reds and yellows. A black has appeared at rare intervals, but as such birds have always had white backs, which should alone absolutely exclude their being recognized as show birds, and from the fact that they, so far, are incapable of reproducing their own kind, they need not be considered.

Whitesides are self coloured birds except for the outside of the wing, which should be pure white, the ten feathers at the root of them being the exceptions. A faint edge of colour should run along the edge of the wing from the butt to the flights. This variety has not many supporters, but when a muffed whiteside appears it is usually a very good one, and a few really grand birds, which have beaten all the other varieties on several occasions, have appeared during the last ten years. The great drawback to the yellows seems to be in their backs, which go more or less white at quite an early stage of their existence, quickly ruining their show career. The reds do not seem so liable to this blemish, which is an unpardonable fault in a whiteside, either muffed or clear legged.

Among muffed whitesides I have known of two reds which were but little removed from perfection. One is living to-day, and its owner, Mr. Tye, is to be congratulated upon the possession of a bird which at Birmingham carried off the champion cup for the best muffed Tumbler in the show, thereby creating a record, as the champion saddle, mottle, and blue headed their respective classes. This is a feat to be proud of, and as the same thing was done in the clear legged classes in 1899, whiteside fanciers have no need to despair.

Almonds.

This is the latest addition to the muffed family, but as I know little or nothing of Tumblers of this variety, I can say but little of them. I can, however, admire the skill of the fancier who produced them, as most of us find the old established varieties as much as we can manage. I am sorry to say that some months ago I noticed in the papers a reference to the loss by re of Mr. Hopper's stud. I sincerely hope that some Almonds exist elsewhere, otherwise the variety may be considered as lost.

Badges.

These to my mind are the most interesting of all the Tumbler varieties, but outside Birmingham they meet

with but scant favour. The breeders of badges are a very small, and, in some ways an insignificant body of fanciers as compared with the supporters of other varieties, but they are as enthusiastic over their birds as any fanciers we have, for they know the difficulty there is in breeding a typical specimen. To breed a really tip-top bird of this variety is about the hardest task a tumbler man can set himself as the markings are so complex, and the requirements of the standard so stringent, that a badge must be almost perfect or it is no use at all. Unfortunately, when such a bird is produced it is worth but little on account of the unpopularity of the variety as compared with the value of an equally good black mottle, and yet good ones of the latter variety are far more numerous. To describe the markings of an ideal bird is no easy task, as the face markings are so peculiar.

There should be a white blaze of medium width commencing at the middle of the wattle and terminating in a point at the top of the face, a white dot over each eye, and a chuck regular in shape and extending just past the eyes. From where the beak joins the skull there should run almost through the chuck, a pear-shaped coloured mark called the whisker, a small line of white dividing it from the coloured portion of the head. The ten primary flights, and the muffs below the hock joint, should be white, but all else coloured in the case of blacks and blues. In reds and yellows the tail is white, but I can imagine it looking better coloured. Still, the number of good badges in existence is so very small that we should devote all our energies to adding to these, being content to take the standard as we find it, rather than seeking yet awhile, to make any change in what has, I believe, always existed from time immemorial.

Badges are found in blacks, blues, reds, and yellows. Blacks are the most popular and are generally most lustrous in colour and fairly well muffed, but are usually underflighted. This, however, is a small matter if the head markings are only right. There are about half a dozen really good birds of this colour in existence to-day, a very grand youngster having appeared last year at the Tumbler Club show, justly winning three challenge cups.

Reds usually fail in colour, and yet were I asked to name the best badge living, my choice would, I think, fall upon Messrs. Seal's red hen. It is my privilege, I believe, to award the first prize she ever won, and I was delighted the last to see what a grand hen she had matured into. It is a strange fact, but there have been three or four red badges which could justly be called champions, they having beaten all the best blacks of their day. They have, however, all appeared at different times, and I can only remember one occasion when two of them ever contested the pride of place.

Blues are much behind the other colours on account of the fact that most of them have a band of white across their backs, proclaiming their saddle origin. But for this fault, Messrs. Seal's blue hen would, in my opinion, be our best badge. Her head markings are simply perfection, her colour is a beautiful bright blue, her type and carriage would de-

any Tumbler lover. I sincerely hope that her owners will strain every nerve to produce something from her worthy of herself. She is the only good show bird of this colour, and to those who have not seen her I would say that a typical blue badge is worthy of being placed almost upon a level with a good black whiteside, or a rich coloured, perfectly marked heavily muffed red rosewing.

Badge fanciers can congratulate themselves upon one event happening during the year 1904. That is in the acquisition of a rare recruit in Mr. Robert Smith, who has always left his mark upon any variety that he may have taken up. He has purchased several good black badges, and now possesses probably the most high class little stud in existence. Yellow legs, are, I believe, found in America, but I do not think that a single bird of the variety exists in this country to-day.

(To be continued.)

MANHATTAN HOMING PIGEON CLUB.

The above club will hold their young bird races as follows:

The one hundred mile from Wilmington, Del., Sunday, August 26, 1906.

The one hundred and fifty mile from Magnolia, Md., Sunday, September 2, 1906.

The two hundred mile from Washington, D. C., Sunday, September 9, 1906.

The two hundred mile "Club Futurity" from Washington, D. C., September 16, 1906.

The two hundred mile "Futurity" from Washington, D. C., September 23, 1906.

The three hundred mile "Concourse" from Charlottesville, Va., September 30, 1906.

The three hundred mile "Club Race" from Charlottesville, Va., October 7, 1906.

MANHATTAN HOMING PIGEON CLUB.

Average Speed Old Birds, 1906.

Position	Loft	Yds. per Min.
1—	Geo. G. Hallock, Jr.	1,244.18
2—	J. V. Hoerning	1,232.43
3—	B. Reth	1,231.22
4—	James Collins	1,214.53
5—	Davis & Schmidt	1,187.55
6—	John Meyer	1,175.11
7—	Paul F. Miller	1,154.31
8—	Theo. Hurlbusch	1,125.14
9—	Aug. Bach	1,066.85
10—	Storm & Beuth	1,004.33
11—	Chas. Schaefer	957.39
12—	Henry Boerchers	937.39
13—	P. F. Sullivan	905.57
14—	Sam Fowkes	859.87
15—	Wm. Viet	777.56
16—	J. Kohlbremer	772.84
17—	Gus Anderson	769.08
18—	A. Ludorff	759.76
19—	Fred Holder, Jr.	742.56
20—	Conrad Foerster	739.71
21—	Dan Hughes	653.43
22—	J. Koetsch	507.03
23—	M. Needham	498.38
24—	M. G. Wenz	474.23
25—	A. C. Collins	341.00

WEST SIDE DISTRICT.

The five hundred mile race of the old bird series of the West Side District was flown on Saturday, June 23d, from Somerset, Ky. Birds liberated by E. M. Rousseau:

Owner	Speed in Yards per Minute
Knox & Betts	1,151.54
Louis Vielt	1,106.50
Louis Vielt	1,092.93
George C. Peters	1,087.80
John A. Young	1,076.32
Knox & Betts	1,027.97
Knox & Betts	1,014.54
Fellows & Walker	987.59

District Average Speed Diploma—Knox & Betts, 1,222.89 yards per minute.

Special Diploma—Best percentage returns nominated birds—Louis Vielt, 5 birds out of 13 nominated.

JOHN F. KNOX,
Race Secretary.

MANHATTAN HOMING PIGEON CLUB.

The first race of the old bird series of the Manhattan Homing Pigeon Club was flown from Wilmington, Delaware, Sunday, May 6th, a distance of over one hundred miles. Twenty-four lofts with an entry of 308 birds participated. John C. Green, the official liberator, telephoned "birds liberated at 10 A. M., wind northeast, and good start."

The first bird arrived at the loft of George C. Hallock, Jr., 430 Quincy street, Brooklyn, at 12:42 P. M., covering the distance in 2 hours and 42 minutes.

Following is a list of lofts as reported, first eight being diploma winners:

Owner	Speed in Yards per Minute
G. C. Hallock, Jr.	1,160.54
Gus Anderson	1,159.21
P. F. Miller	1,155.52
M. G. Wenz	1,154.13

P. F. Sullivan	1,153.65
Theo. Hurlbusch	1,150.15
P. F. Miller	1,149.48
Chas. Schaefer	1,140.07
Conrad Foerster	1,138.62
Davis & Schmidt	1,138.38
William Veit	1,137.98
Henry Boerchers	1,135.80
John Meyer	1,134.58
B. Reth	1,132.32
J. Kohlbremer	1,141.31
Sam Fowkes	1,124.58
Albert Ludorff	1,117.27
J. V. Hoerning	1,116.27
Needham & Kirschner	1,099.69
James Collins	1,097.06
Dan Hughes	1,095.40
B. C. Collins	No report
Fred Holder, Jr.	Disqualified
August Bach	Disqualified
Geo. Kelch	Disqualified

The second race of the old bird series of seven races of the Manhattan Homing Pigeon Club, of 574A Gates avenue, Brooklyn, was flown from Washington, D. C., a distance of over 200 miles, on Sunday, May 13th. Twenty-five lofts with an entry of 362 birds participated. W. F. Dismer, the official liberator, telephoned "birds liberated at 6:05 A. M., wind southwest, and a good start."

The first bird arrived at the loft of Albert Ludorff, 515 West 57th street, New York City, at 9:24 A. M., covering the distance in the remarkable time of 3 hours and 19 minutes.

Following is a list of lofts reported, the first eight being diploma winners:

Owner	Speed in Yards per Minute
Albert Ludorff	1,812.96
Albert Ludorff	1,812.06
Strom & Bentele	1,802.60
Strom & Bentele	1,795.15
J. V. Hoerning	1,784.39
Wm. Veit	1,763.00
John Kohlbremer	1,754.09
G. M. Anderson	1,738.21
Geo. G. Hallock, Jr.	1,728.07
Chas. Schaefer	1,723.66
Davis & Schmidt	1,712.49
B. C. Collins	1,705.00
C. Foerster	1,690.05
B. Reth	1,687.45
James Collins	1,661.18
P. F. Sullivan	1,649.08
Henry Boerchers	1,611.68
Fred Holder, Jr.	1,594.65
John Meyer	1,474.99
George Kelch	1,467.25
Needham & Kirschner	1,394.57
Sam Fowkes	1,358.21
O. F. Miller	1,274.21
M. G. Wenz	1,217.04
Theo. Hurlbusch	1,178.54
Dan Hughes	1,177.94
August Bach	999.32

The third race of the old bird series of seven races of the Manhattan Homing Pigeon Club, of 574A Gates avenue, Brooklyn, was flown from Charlottesville, Va., May 20th, a distance of over 300 miles. Twenty-three lofts, with an entry of 255 birds participated. C. M. Boston, the official liberator, telegraphed "birds liberated at 6:25 A. M., wind southwest. The first bird arrived at the loft of Daniel Hughes at 3:25 P. M., covering the distance in 9 hours.

The following is the list of the lofts reported, the first eight being the diploma winners:

Owner	Speed in Yards per Minute
Dan Hughes	998.81
J. D. Hoerning	990.96
Paul F. Miller	986.38
Wm. Veit	986.36
B. Reth	985.77
A. Bach	985.19
Strom & Bentele	983.07
Fred Holder, Jr.	981.78
Geo. G. Hallock, Jr.	981.74
John Kohlbremer	981.65
Henry Boerchers	978.74
John Meyer	971.46
James Collins	963.42
Gus Anderson	958.86
Davis & Schmidt	948.01
Chas. Schaefer	929.49
Sam Fowkes	927.30
C. Foerster	893.32
P. F. Sullivan	869.89
Albert Ludorff	876.50
Needham & Kirschner	858.50

The special yearling race for birds bred during the year of 1905, the fourth of the series of seven races of the Manhattan Homing Pigeon Club, of 574A Gates avenue, Brooklyn, was flown from Charlottesville, Va., a distance of over 300 miles. Sixteen lofts with an entry of 112 birds participated. C. M. Boston, the official liberator, started the birds on their long journey at 5 A. M. Wind at start, northwest; at home, northeast. The first bird arrived at the loft of Strom & Bentele, 247 Woodbine street, at 1:31 P. M., covering the distance in eight hours and thirty-one minutes.

The following is the list of lofts as reported, the first three being diploma winners:

Owner	Speed in Yards per Minute
Strom & Bentele	1,047.04
B. Reth	1,020.07
P. F. Miller	1,018.79
Needham & Kirschner	1,015.89
D. B. C. Collins	1,014.03
Davis & Schmidt	1,002.07
Chas. Schaefer	1,000.47
James Collins	999.23
P. F. Sullivan	993.77
Fred Holder, Jr.	991.96
J. D. Hoerning	972.79

Gus Anderson	964.00
Sam Fowkes	752.29
C. Foerster	No report
William Veit	No report

The fifth race of the series of seven old bird races of the Manhattan Homing Pigeon Club, of 574A Gates avenue, was flown June 3d, from Chatham, Va., a distance of over 400 miles. Nineteen lofts, with an entry of 130 birds, participated. W. C. N. Merchant, the official liberator, at that station, started the birds on their long and tiresome journey at 5:31 A. M. Wind at start, north; at home, northwest. The first bird arrived at the loft of Strom & Bentele, at 5:09 P. M., covering the distance in 11 hours and 39 minutes.

Following is the list of lofts as reported:

Owner	Speed in Yards per Minute
Strom & Bentele	1,005.98
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Paul F. Miller	1,004.56
Theo. Hurlbusch	1,003.45
Paul F. Miller	1,002.98
Bernard Reth	1,002.88
James Collins	1,001.44
Bernard Reth	1,001.06
Geo. Hallock, Jr.	998.38
Charles Schaefer	995.96
J. V. Hoerning	976.97
Henry Boerchers	968.04
Davis & Smith	961.51
John Meyer	938.71
August Bach	926.81
Sam Fowkes	923.27
P. F. Sullivan	842.12
A. Ludorff	No report
Gus Anderson	No report
C. Foerster	No report
Dan Hughes	No report
William Veit	No report

The special five hundred mile club race, the sixth of the series of seven old bird races of the Manhattan Homing Pigeon Club, of Brooklyn, N. Y., was flown from Statesville, N. C., Monday, June 18th. Seventeen lofts, with an entry of 139 birds, competed.

The birds were shipped on May 1st to R. K. Murdock, with the instruction to hold them for favorable wind and weather, with the result that they were confined to the shipping baskets for twelve days, owing to the unsettled condition of the weather at the starting point. The liberator, in selecting his day for liberation, unfortunately selected one in which rain prevailed almost over the entire course, and together with the strong east wind were responsible for the failure of the birds to report the same day.

The birds that did report are worthy of great praise and are a credit to their owners. They not only displayed wonderful gameness, but love for their homes.

Mr. R. K. Murdock started the birds on their long and tiresome journey at 5 A. M., Monday, June 18th, and the first bird to report arrived at the loft of William Veit, at 55 Orient avenue, at 5:44 P. M., Tuesday, June 19th.

Following is the list of lofts as reported, the first three being diploma winners:

Owner	Speed in Yards per Minute
William Veit	498.95
B. Reth	498.82
Fred Holder, Jr.	490.97
Paul Miller	No report
James Collins	No report
Davis & Schmidt	No report
Theo. Hurlbusch	No report
Dan Hughes	No report
Henry Boerchers	No report
Martin Needham	No report
Gus Anderson	No report
C. Foerster	No report
J. H. Hoerning	No report
P. F. Sullivan	No report
Sam Fowkes	No report
Strom & Bentele	No report
Chas. Schaefer	No report

FLOYD W. DAVIS,
Race Secretary.

NEW YORK MARKET.

(Journal of Commerce Report, July 9.)
EGGS.—Receipts to-day 11,008 cases. The week is closing with a fair clearance of most grades, although there is some stock unsold of the medium and lower qualities. There has been a good deal of badly heated and hatched stock coming in this week for which low prices have had to be accepted, some poor lots selling as low as 14 @ 15c, but for equal qualities the market has maintained a generally steady to firm tone, inclining to strength on the higher grades, of which the supply is becoming very limited. Dirties and checks close quiet and unchanged.

State, Pa. & nearby, selected, white, fcy	21 @ 23
State, Pa. & nearby, selected, white, good to choice	21 @ 22
State, Pa. & nearby, mixed colors, extras	20 @ 21
State, Pa. & nearby, firsts	17 @ 17½
Western, extra firsts	18 @ 18½
Western, firsts	17 @ 17
Western, seconds	15½ @ 16½
Western, thirds	15 @ 15
Kentucky, fresh gathered	15 @ 15
Dirties, per dozen	12 @ 12
Checks, per doz	9 @ 12

The official quotation of the New York Mercantile Exchange is 16½ @ 17 for Western firsts.

State, Pa. & nearby, mixed extra-firsts 18 @ 19
Western, thirds 15 @ 15
Kentucky, fresh gathered 15 @ 15½

LIVE POULTRY.—There are no fresh receipts of carload lots unloaded to-day. Scarcely any trading and dealers will be

compelled to carry over about five or six carloads of fowls. Spring chickens have been scarce the past few days and have cleaned up closely at firm prices. Other live poultry generally quiet and prices unchanged.

Spring chickens, Western, per lb	18 @ 18
Southern & Southwestern, per lb	17 @ 17
Fowls, per lb	13 @ 13
Roosters, per lb	8 @ 8
Turkeys, per lb	11 @ 12
Spring Ducks, Long Island, per lb	14 @ 14
Ducks—Western, old, per pair	70 @ 80
Southern, old, per pair	45 @ 45
Spring Ducks, Southern, per pair	30 @ 30
Geese, per pair	90 @ 150
Live Pigeons, per pair	25 @ 30

DRESSED POULTRY.—A few small scattering lots of delayed stock of fowls and chickens came in to-day, but meeting very little attention and prices nominally unchanged. Long Island and other nearby spring ducks have cleaned up fairly well and feeling about steady. Squabs generally slow. In frozen poultry broilers and roasting chickens have had some outlet, but sales have had to be forced and prices have shown a wide range. Very little movement in any other description of frozen poultry.

Turkeys—average lots	13 @ 13
Poor to medium	11 @ 12
Spring Chickens—4 lbs per pair and under—	
Philadelphia, dry-picked, fancy	25 @ 25
Philadelphia, dry-picked, average run	22 @ 23
N. Y. & Pa., dry-picked, fancy	22 @ 23
N. Y. & Pa., dry-picked, average run	19 @ 20
Western, dry-picked, fcy	20 @ 21
Western, dry-pick'd, av'ge	17 @ 19
Western, scalded, fcy	19 @ 20
Western, scalded, average	16 @ 18
Southern & Southwestern, average	15 @ 17
Poor	8 @ 14

Fowls—	
Philadelphia, dry-picked, fancy	13½ @ 13½
Philadelphia, dry-picked, average run	13 @ 13
Western, dry-picked, selected bbls	13 @ 13
Western, dry-picked, average run	12½ @ 12½
Western, dry-picked, poor to medium	6 @ 12
Southern & Southwestern, dry-picked, selected bbls	13 @ 13
Western, scalded, selected bbls	13 @ 13
Western, scalded, average run	12½ @ 12½
Western, scalded, poor to medium	6 @ 12
Southern & Southwestern, scalded, selected bbls	13 @ 13
Southern & Southwestern, inferior grades	6 @ 12

Other Poultry—	
Old cocks, dry-picked	8 @ 8
Old cocks, scalded	8 @ 8
Ducklings, Long Island & Eastern	12½ @ 13
Ducklings, other nearby	12 @ 12
Squabs, prime white, 8 lbs to doz, per dozen	3 @ 300
Squabs, prime white, 7 lbs to doz, per dozen	2 @ 25
Squabs, prime white, 6 lbs to doz, per dozen	150 @ 175
Squabs, mixed, per doz	150 @ 150
Squabs, dark, per doz	25 @ 150
Squabs, culls, per doz	50 @ 75

Turkeys—Hens, No. 1	18 @ 19
Toms, No. 1	19 @ 19
Toms, No. 2	12 @ 14
Old Toms, No. 1	17½ @ 18
Capons—Western, 8 lbs and over each	19 @ 19
Western, under 8 lbs each	17 @ 18

Broilers—	
Milk-fed, dry-picked, 4 lbs and under to pair	20 @ 20
Milk-fed, dry-picked, over 4 lbs to pair	15 @ 16
Dry-picked, 4 lbs and under to pair, No. 1	16 @ 17
Dry-picked, over 4 lbs to pair	12½ @ 13
Scalded, 4 lbs and under to pair, No. 1	15 @ 16
No. 2	10 @ 11
Roasting Chickens—	
Milk-fed, dry-picked, fcy	16 @ 17
Fancy, soft meat	15 @ 15
Average, No. 1	12 @ 14
Chickens—No. 2	8 @ 10
Fowls—No. 1	12½ @ 13
No. 2	8 @ 10
Ducks—No. 1	10 @ 11
No. 2	10 @ 11
Geese—No. 1	10 @ 11
No. 2	8 @ 9

LOST—Following birds: E. 10776 Silver, E. 10783 Blue, M. 5025 Blue Checker. J. Edward Nelson, 363 Cleveland Ave., Chicago, Ill.

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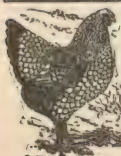
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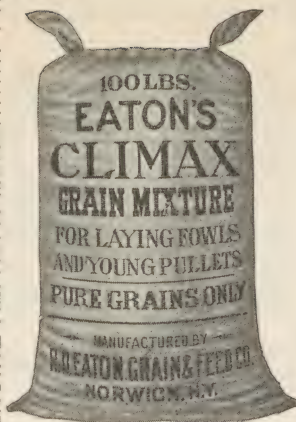


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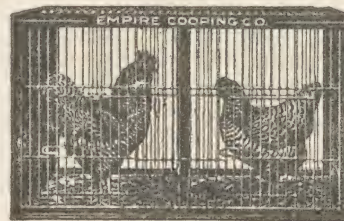
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July 23-28, Winnipeg, Manitoba. Western Canada's Great Industrial Fair; A. W. Bell, General Manager.

Aug. 21-24—Cortlandt, N. Y. Cortlandt County Agricultural Society, W. J. Greenman, Secretary.

August 21-24, Rockville, Md., G. O. Brown, A. E. Warner, Judges; Calvin Hicks, Superintendent.

Sept. 3-6, Taunton, Mass., E. P. Washburn, Pigeon Judge and President.

Sept. 3-7, Columbus, Ohio, T. E. Orr, Judge; W. W. Miller, Secretary.

Sept. 3-8, Orangeburg, N. Y., J. F. Gilchrist, Secretary.

Sept. 11-13, Mercer, Pa. Mercer County Fair and Poultry Show. T. E. Orr, Judge; John P. Orr, Secretary.

Sept. 12, Altomont, Ill., Dr. A. W. Baker, Superintendent.

Sept. 17-22, North Yakima, Wash. State Fair, G. A. Graham, Secretary; Harry H. Collier, Superintendent Poultry.

Sept. 18-21, Allentown, Pa., The Allentown Fair; H. J. Schall, Secretary; W. Theo. Wittman, Supt.

Sept. 24-29, Spokane, Wash. Inter-State Fair, Robt. H. Cosgrove, Secretary.

Sept. 25-28, Poughkeepsie, N. Y. Dutchess County Agricultural Society, T. C. Van Wyck, Superintendent Poultry.

Sept. 25-29, Spokane, Wash., Robert Cosgrove, Secretary; H. H. Collier, Supt. Sept. 25-29, Trenton, N. J., Inter-State Fair, T. Farrer Rackham, Newark, N. J., Superintendent Poultry.

Sept. 28-Oct. 5, Springfield, Ill., W. C. Garrad, Secretary.

Sept. 29-Oct. 5, Sedalia, Mo., J. R. Rippey, Secretary.

October 2-5, Chatham, N. Y. Columbia County Agricultural Society, W. A. Dardess, Secretary.

Oct. 2-6, Puyallup, Wash., John Mills, Secretary; Harry H. Collier, Supt.

Oct. 9-12, Hagerstown, Md., Geo. O. Brown, J. H. Drevendstedt, D. A. Nichols, W. J. Stanton, J. F. Craugle, Chas. McClave, W. C. Denny, W. G. Minich, Judges; W. F. Spahr, Secretary, Poultry Department.

Oct. 17-18, Girard, Ill., Heimlich, Judge; H. K. Young, Secretary.

Nov. 12-15, Garnett, Kans., Rhodes, Judge; Hattie A. Weld, Secretary.

Nov. 12-17—Houston, Tex., Hewey S. Fox, Jr., Secretary.

Nov. 12-17, San Jose, Cal. Santa Clara Valley Poultry and Pet Stock Association, E. Van Every, Secretary, Edenville, Cal.

Nov. 15-17, Wellman, Ia., Shellabarger, Judge; E. J. Coffey, Secretary.

Nov. 16-17, Manhattan, Kans., Chas. E. Smith, Secretary.

Nov. 20-23, Winfield, Ia., Shellabarger, Judge; Russell Canly, Secretary.

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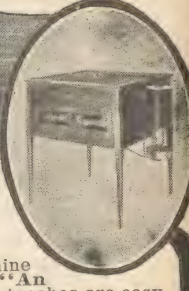
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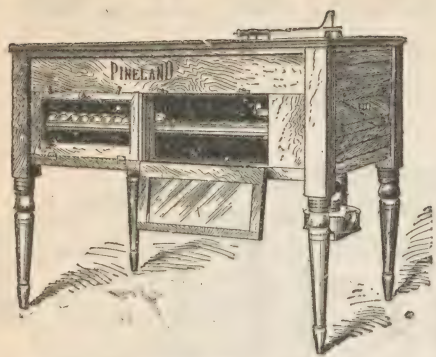
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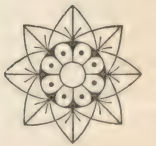
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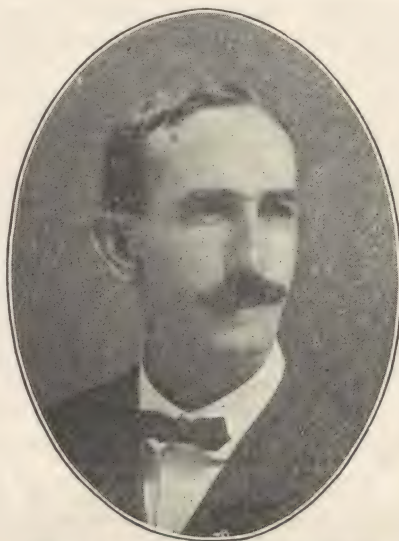
Incubation is a very broad subject. Only by collecting the various experiences of workers in the field could a basis be formed for the truth, because the science of artificial incubation is only about one per cent. of facts and the balance is guess work. We are in the fairy stage of artificial incubation, and the facts associated with it are so obscure that one cannot expect to differentiate the essential from the unessential. The modern incubator is the result of a great deal of experimentation. Many very bright people have worked very earnestly on the subject, and I do not know of any department in which more people are engaged than there are in artificial incubation, because every one who has an incubator does more or less experimental work, and there are hundreds and thousands of them in use. The best incubator we have to-day is capable of great improvement, and most incubators we have in use will give good results if used intelligently. We have in the United States one hundred and thirty manufacturers of incubators who advertise, and there are numbers who are known only to the makers of thermometers. These manufacturers employ from three hundred and fifty men down, and they yearly output 240,000. No one knows exactly how many are manufactured. They turn out in the city of Buffalo 34,000 incubators, and in Clay Centre, Nebraska, about 30,000. An incubator is an essential thing for every farmer. The backbone of the artificial rearing is the utility end of it. I do not suppose one-tenth of one per cent. of incubators used are used by fanciers, because they are such a small end of the industry. We do not realize the capabilities of the poultry industry, and do not give it the thought and attention we should. A great many people have devoted a great deal of time and attention to birds for symmetry, shape and feather, but very little attention has been given to utility. Some fanciers, too, have a lot of culls, pen them up, and sell the eggs cheap, and call them utility birds, but they are nothing but culls. The utility birds should be bred more scientifically than fancy birds. They have to use trap nests and the pedigree system, and they should work for the two hundred egg hens, and I believe it is capable of accomplishment. Sufficient care has not been paid in the past to the development of fertility in the egg. A good vitality is capable of transmitting the same as any other characteristic of the bird.

It does not make much difference



George "Pan" Burgott Shipping a Load of Brown Leghorns.

how good the incubator is that you have if you have not a highly vitalized egg. You must have the blood for generations back for fertility, and



MR. GEORGE N. BURGOTT.
Famous Leghorn Judge and Fancier.

this means a great deal of work for somebody, quite a good deal of close attention, and it means the use of trap nests, and the labor and trouble and detail of everything connected with it.

If we do not use artificial methods of incubation the product would amount to almost nothing compared to the requirements of the present time.

The incubators that are manufactured in the far west for the western farmer, are used only in the natural season April and May. These incu-

bators are very cheap and sell for ten dollars, and have a narrow range of effectiveness. You cannot operate them in a temperature of under 65 or over 85 degrees.

On the modern poultry plant where they raise green ducks, soft roasters, and broilers, they hatch for about ten months in the year; for instance the Curtiss plant hatches for about ten months in the year. Hallock's plant, Long Island, is devoted almost entirely to ducks, and they use 131 incubators with a net capacity of 288 eggs each. I met Mr. Hallock at the Madison Square show, and he told me that he frequently had batches of incubators hatching together, and they had an average of 240 ducks from 288 eggs.

Mr. Graham: That is 288 set?

A. No, fertilized eggs. Successful duck men are very secretive about their methods. I spent a month at Hallocks' farm at one time, and I learned absolutely nothing.

Mr. Nix: They claim this information cost them a great deal of money, and no doubt it has, and they will not give it away. We did a little duck hatching last summer, and we have a flock of ducks, and we are going to engage the best duck incubator in the United States, and we are going to get his methods.

Mr. Graham: We would like to know your idea about incubators.

Mr. Nix: Incubators are divided into two classes, hot air, and hot water. That is not a true division, because you can only divide incubators in classes by the methods in which the

heat is applied to the eggs. We have three methods of heating the eggs; heating by diffusion, heating by radiation, and heating by contact.

The hot water machine may be of any of these three methods, and the hot air machine may be of any of these three methods, and in the hot water or hot air machine, the use of radiation system gives exactly the same results, provided you have a perfectly constructed machine, one that does not leak. About half the incubators in use to-day are of the diffusion type. There are no machines on the market of the contact type.

The first incubator made in the United States of the contact type, consisted of a hot water tank, the lower part of which contained a rubber diaphragm and the eggs were placed on spiral springs in the tray, and the tray on a lever arrangement that brought it up in contact with the tank. It never proved a commercial success. The trouble is, it was impossible to get the eggs out of the shell when the chicks cracked the shell and start to open it; the springs would push them up and crash them. A company built a contact heat incubator last year and they had the same trouble, because the chicks get crushed in getting out. We are experimenting on that type of incubator, because I believe it is going to be the final type. There are a great many things about natural incubation that are essential, and we do not know what is essential and what is not. There are a great many things that a hen does that are not necessary. She does a great many things merely by accident, and without necessity. I know a hen heats the top of an egg, and all my experiments have shown that the germ does not properly develop unless there are two degrees or over difference between the top and bottom. The exact difference of temperature has not yet been determined. In the old Egyptian method and the Chinese method they do not seem to take that point into consideration. They use bottom heat, and as far as we are able to determine they may be getting better results than we do and they may not.

Mr. Graham: Do you know anybody who has visited these Egyptian ovens?

Mr. Nix: No observations have been made by people familiar with the art of incubation, and those who are not have overlooked many essential points. Last year we conducted a determine the best method of supplying heat to an incubator. No incubator that uses bottom heat has ever proved a commercial success. I find

that the contact method raises the most germs, the radiant heat comes next and heat by diffusion comes last. We had three and four machines of the same type in a row operating in the same room, under the same conditions. They were operated by myself personally. The manipulation was the same, and the temperature the same, and when the eggs were brought in I would take one egg from each dozen and go down the row putting one egg in each tray, and then I would shuffle them around again so that I could get the same percentage of good and bad eggs in each tray, and the fact that it was so was borne out when it came to the first test when I found that the diffusion incubator showed a certain percentage of fertile eggs, and the difference seldom exceeded five per cent. The difference between the two types of incubators ran as high as 54 per cent. and as low as 5 per cent. The radiant heat machines were within 5 per cent. of each other, and the diffusion machines within 5 or 10 per cent. of each other; but, comparing one class with the other, the difference in development ran from 5 to 34 per cent. in the number of germs that would start. The percentage that would start varied with the fertility of the eggs, and I found the stronger the egg the less the difference, and the weaker the egg the greater the difference. We were trying to determine whether we could manufacture the radiant type or diffusion type. The diffusion is the cheapest, more economical in manufacture and easier for the beginner to operate. Then it has not the same variation in temperature between one part and the other as the radiant heat type. There are a great many things in favor of the diffusion type of incubator. After working with this incubator we did not put it on the market, because we secured so much better results with other machines. I cannot claim I have discovered a law in artificial incubation, because that is the result of but one season. My results will be checked this year at this station, and I have tried to induce Prof. Gowell to try an experiment. The way we tried the contact heat was with the old hen. I discovered in the experiment with the radiant heat that the germ would start all right but would die during incubation, and the result was there would not be over 6 or 10 per cent. difference between the diffusion type and the radiant heat type, but when the bottom was knocked out of the machine, the difference in the results ran from 5 to 33 per cent, in favor of the one with the bottom knocked out. I attribute that to the value of diffusive ventilation. I believe in the fresh air theory of germ development. My individual experience has taught me that is the best; but, a year from now I may find something else is better.

Mr. Graham: Have you any choice between diffusive ventilation from the side or the bottom?

Mr. Nix: I would not think it would make any particular difference. In natural incubation you get ventilation from the side. There is an incubator known as the Hacker that is ventilated from the side. In germ development you find direct current of air very injurious. If you could change the air in an incubator by diffusion and have the air absolutely pure you get a better germ. You will find a great deal in the poultry papers of the present time with regard to open front

houses. It is used very extensively around Boston and Syracuse, and one of the leading men who use the open front house is Mr. Tolman. He does not even use a drop curtain. The front of his house is entirely open on one side and perfectly air tight on the other sides, and you will be surprised to see how warm that house is. It is the same principle as blowing into a bottle—the air does not go in.

Mr. Graham: How cold does it get in Homer?

Mr. Nix: Last week we had it 7 below zero, during which these hens give a good egg production. They have been making tests for fertility, and how that comes out I do not know. In rearing little chicks last summer I got the best results by keeping them as near as possible out of doors; and what is true of old birds and young chicks I believe is true of the growing germ in an incubator, because it is only a chicken after all. And if you can get fresh air around the germ I believe you can get the condition which approaches nearer to the condition of the old hen and when it comes to the time for the chicks to get out, they will get out and you will not find them sticking to the shell. Where the air is bad in the incubator you get a retarded development. The chick is over size, and the shell full of water, and the operator thinks he has been giving too much moisture, and then he tries to put air currents through the machine, and the last condition is worse than the first. With the open bottom machine last season we never had over 5 eggs on an average left in a hundred egg machine; but with a tight machine we would have from 15 to 20 left in the shell, and these tests were made with the same eggs, under the same conditions. Then I tried the open bottom with the diffusion type of machine, and I found it was of no value, and the results were not quite as good as with the tight bottom. One manufacturer used an open bottom machine some years ago, and it was not a success, and he abandoned it in favor of the flat bottom. The most careful experimenters will get opposite results, and it is one of the most difficult things to say when you are right. I do not say anything as a positive fact, because subsequent experiments may modify it, and the results you obtain at one time may be caused by something that you are not aware of. Artificial incubation is an obscure thing. We are dealing with life, and we have not any method of determining life. Neither our chemical process nor science enable us to know in the slightest degree what it is. We can only see manifestations, and we see certain things will affect it, and that is about all we know about it.

A Member: Have you any system of testing the air in an incubator as to whether it is pure or not?

Mr. Nix: I am situated in a small country town where we do not have the advantage of chemical laboratories, and I have never made any experiments in that line. Chemistry has not thrown very much light on the subject.

Mr. Graham: Did you notice any difference in the air cells between strongly vitalized eggs and the weaker ones?

Mr. Nix: Yes.

Mr. Graham: I noticed that some of the eggs from hens fed by the dry method, the air cell was wavy, a different shaped air cell altogether from

the other ones.

Mr. Nix: The irregular air cell shows that the chick is muscular. If you take a week egg there will be a superabundance of fluid in the shell, and the air cell becomes irregular in shape at the close of the hatch.

Mr. Foley: What amount of air do you think is necessary for incubation?

Mr. Nix: I do not know the exact amount. Some operators of big machines run all the air they can get through the machine, and the man at Allantown runs his machine without any ventilation at all. He shuts the ventilators up tight, fills his pan full of water, and keeps his floor wet. He says you cannot give a duck egg too much water. If I did that I would never get a duck hatched.

A Member: I believe in the use of a hygrometer in the incubator room. I have tried to run up the humidity by throwing water on the floor, and you would be surprised how perfectly unconcerned that hygrometer was to the water. (Laughter.)

Mr. Graham: Did you ever try warm water?

Mr. Nix: No, but it certainly affects the eggs if you throw water on the floor.

Mr. Graham: We ran two machines in this room in December, and we scrubbed the floors with hot water, and that would run up the hygrometer 20 points; but, I could never do that in the incubator cellar.

The Chairman: The evaporation of hot water must be greater than that of cold water?

A Member: When the machine is heated by hot water coils the temperature is much higher inside of the machine. Do you think the vitality is affected in that way?

Mr. Nix: I have often thought so. The only way to determine that fact is to run a machine along side of it, in which the air is heated by hot water coils. I think there is a machine made in that way at the present time, and I am trying to determine that fact. You can only determine the facts of incubation by comparative experiments. One of the most difficult things in incubation construction is distributing the heat, getting a uniform temperature throughout the machine, and you will get colder air in the corners than you will in the centre.

The first incubator ever constructed was on exhibition in London in 1829. It was a hot water incubator, and to get a uniform heat they had an agitator in the centre tank that ran by power, and you would get a perfectly uniform distribution of the heat by the agitator method. But still you find that the centre tray would be much warmer than the corner, and that was overcome by packing the tray. But one difficulty about that was if you got it right for a cold room, then it was wrong for a warm one. The agitator is impossible in small incubators. Then they made ten inches deep, and the water in the upper part of the tank, and they depended upon this great depth of water to get an even temperature. But, there was a difficulty in that; when they got warm they would not cool off again. One of these tanks would not cool off in a week, and the animal heat in an egg comes up very rapidly in the twelfth day, and if it happened to turn warm you could not get the eggs cool. Then the next thing was to use an exceedingly shallow tank, and they tried to get a uniform heat by what is known as the laby-

rinth circulation. The water came in at one corner and went round and round; and they were always having trouble with that system, because, the hot water enters at a very high temperature and goes out cold.

The next development was called the gravity system, the one we use at the present time. It is not perfect by any means, but it is the best method of heat distribution that I know of at the present time. The hot air pipe comes in at the centre and front; this is made a vertical flue. It makes an upward draft, and passes over the top and down the side, and in the partition you get the same circulation as they had with the mechanical agitator.

We have at the present time only 2 types of regulators in use, the mechanical thermostat and the wafer regulator. The wafer regulator is the one extensively used on account of its simplicity and cheapness. The cost of a wafer regulator runs from 22 cents to 35 cents. The other type of regulator costs more. The great difficulty with the wafer regulator, however, is that it is influenced by any violent change of barometric pressure, and then the ether or alcohol with which the capsule is filled gets away in the course of time. Sometimes it will get away suddenly. The average life of a well-made wafer is about four years; sometimes they will last seven, and sometimes they will last only a few days. A bulletin issued at Washington says the wafer regulator is the only kind in use.

There is one thing about the mechanical thermostat, and that is it is good for all time, and at no time in its life is it exposed to temperatures that will exceed the elasticity of the metals of which it is composed. We have some that we have used for 20 years, and they are always ready for work. A thermostat placed above eggs maintains a uniform temperature, but the eggs are also affected by the cold that comes from the bottom of the machine. The compensating type is much better, but if you put a thermostat in an incubator with this compensating feature, you introduce trouble to a certain extent, because if you adjust the regulator with the thermometer at 103 degrees with an empty machine you are apt to get a temperature of 107 degrees and spoil your eggs before you get started. The thermostat is properly adjusted when you put a piece of paper on the tray so as to cut off the heat from above on the lower bar and then adjust your thermostat to temperature desired. I then another trouble with the compensating thermostat is that if the machine is not full it will not record properly, because at one time the eggs will be in one end of the machine and when you turn the tray they will be at the other.

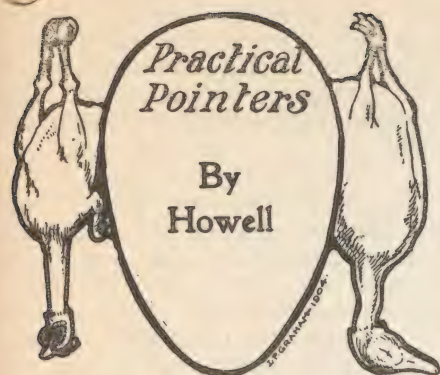
Mr. Graham: In case you only had 25 eggs out of 100 where would you put them?

Mr. Nix: In the centre of the tray.

Q. What machines have the composite thermostat?

A. No machine but the Prairie State. Some manufacturers claim that the nursery is the detriment, but it has been our experience that a nursery is an advantage. It hardens the chicks off and then dries them, and they stand the change from the incubator to the brooder with less trouble.

(To be Continued.)



As poultry feeders are approaching the dry feed method, the subject of a suitabel hopper will become important, it would save me quite an amount of time to follow this method but I have not as yet found a suitabel hopper, one of sufficient size to allow free feeding that could not be scattered over the floor.

I have used the grain hopper in my brooder runs for years, but an incident has caused me to almost discard it.

The chicks persisted in scratching the grain all around the hopper, and then follow me around at the regular feeding times and eat with the flocks not supplied with feed hoppers. My chicks all have free range both in the brooders and with the hens, and are fed three times a day all they will eat. I have found upon examination the stock so fed are in a better market condition than the hopper fed pens. In the morning I give a mash of wheat middlings, bran or ship feed, and corn meal mixed as dry as possible to handle without waste. At noon and night cracked corn, either alone or mixed with wheat, is given, all they will eat, evidenced by distending crops. When grinding green bone many have learned to follow in and help themselves, before the others the bone is scattered, the smaller chicks will eat more ground bone than the older ones, which seems strange. In comparing my method of feeding, please take in consideration that my stock has unlimited opportunities to range at will. The Brooder House sets in the orchard, in which the grass is kept. Short from being grazed by my young calves, the chicks roam over it at will, and many others have access to other pasture, while those which have been reared about the buildings have the run of a large corn field, which now affords them ample shade. Under such circumstances a chicken with a full crop ought to make a rapid growth fed in any old way, but I regret, were it not for the time consumed, hand feeding would be the more popular method of feeding with me.

There is no use to nail down the roosting poles, at this season a permanent roost is a curse, a moveable roost is more convenient and more sanitary. Where I have adopted this plan, the houses can be cleaned in one half the time, and cleaned better, a piece of scantling on edge placed on the platform and on this the roosting poles is all that is required. In adjusting don't quite touch the end of the ohuse and the result will be less lice to fight.

I have had no trouble from having poles displaced, and none can result where the pole is from two to three inches in width. I have recommended this before, but the time is so appropriate it will bear repetition, this being the time of year lice work overtime.

It is really wonderful that any

chicks reach maturity, lice harass them, disease takes some off, accidents claim a few, and they stand a chance of being eaten by some prowler at any instant.

Last night a strange cat was killing mine and payed for it with its life, today an old crow was feeding its young on spring chicken and now hangs to an exposed limb as a warning to the rest of the crow family, and so it goes down the list; the chick which survives is a hero.

Geo E Howell

POULTRY AT ALLENTOWN FAIR, ALLENTOWN, PA.

Editor American Fancier:

Chicken-men generally may not know that the Allentown Fair is the largest annual agricultural fair in America. It is also one of the oldest. Its poultry show is housed in one of the best buildings of its kind. The whole floor is cement, the aisles are very wide and the light and ventilation are so good as to be equal practically to outdoors. Judges of national reputation only are employed to do the judging. Single entry of birds, low entry fee and liberal premiums, with fine prize ribbons, 1st to 5th, make Allentown the place to show. It is planned to make this poultry show in connection with the Fair; what the Fair already is—the largest in the country. The dates this year are Sept. 18-21 and I will be pleased to see that all writing me for premium lists will be supplied. And will also promise personally that all birds shown at Allentown will be well treated and taken care of. Amateurs and small exhibitors especially invited.

W. THEO. WITTMAN,
Supt. Poultry Dept.

AMERICAN HEN.

The Boston "Globe" rises to remark that Americans do not realize what a valuable possession they have in the American hen, that they are not aware that last year the eggs of the United States were worth more than the cotton or the wheat, more than all the barley, the sugar cane and the rice, and that the eggs were surpassed only by the value of the corn crop. Every three months, boasts the "Globe," the American hen "produces more wealth than the capital stock of all the banks in the New York clearing house, while in two months she lays more value than the annual production of all the gold mines of the United States. More amazing still, she could pay off the debt of the United States in two years."

NESTS IN MAIL BOXES.

Since free delivery of mail in rural districts has been established I have been pleased to discover two or three pairs of bluebirds nesting undisturbed in mail boxes by the roadside.

It is gratifying to know that the birds allowed themselves to be disturbed two or three times a day and yet did not abandon their nests, but the thing that gives the bird lover the greatest delight is the fact that no one robbed the nests. I am sure the bluebird will in time learn to appreciate this kindness, and the day is not far distant when it will be a common occurrence to find some kind of a bird's nest in every homemade box that holds a letter.—St. Nicholas.



Early cockerels are crowing and the pullets are singing. Some of them are to be destined winners of poultry prizes at the county fairs.

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Some of the agricultural fairs are recognized as preparatory schools for the winter poultry shows. In such fairs as the Hagerstown, Trenton, etc., the winners are generally good enough to stand a chance, and to hold their own, too, in any of the big winter shows.

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There should be, in some fairs, more earnest efforts put forth to secure expert poultry judges, so that there is no chance for kicks on the poultry judging. Good judging will build up the poultry department of any agricultural fair and draw entries from first-class breeders. Such breeders will not send their stock to shows or fairs they know are to be judged by incompetent men.

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The poultry breeder who does not take poultry papers does not understand the fact that in union there is strength. He may find in a single number information of great economic value to him. Poultry papers are the organs of the poultry breeding industry. They make many converts and show the great interest there is in the occupation.

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Give the late broods an opportunity. Don't make them take a chance existence among a lot of larger chickens. They won't get their share of food under such conditions and the constant fear they undergo will keep them stunted. With proper conditions the late broods can be made to do comparatively well.

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The old adage, a pound of prevention is worth ten pounds of cure, is especially applicable to poultry raising as far as fighting vermin is considered. The real way to fight vermin is to imagine they are there and keep up the warfare same as though it was a fact. Then the conditions which prevent their depredations are created, and no damage is done. Of course, it is work, and it is work that is valuable, because it allows the flock to continue to be a source of profit.

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It's sorter soothing to sit under the spreading branches of a big apple tree, on a hot Sunday afternoon, and talk chicken with a companionable poultry fancier. The enjoyment is further increased when there are some chicks there that give every indication of being "comers."

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If you are depending on weeds for shelter from the hot sun for your late broods, bear in mind such shade is a very hot place, and often heavy with humidity. Shade where air freely circulates is what is wanted. If you can't get anything else cut some old bags

and stretch them over sticks, shelter tent fashion. The height from the ground need not be over twenty inches for chicks. This will make shade shelter suitable and may be located in desirable places.

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Now, be on the alert for all hot weather troubles or ailments. Closely inspect both the old and young every day. If you see droopy specimens, or showing off condition, be sure to investigate at once. Remove all such and put them where you can control their food. Kept quiet for a day in a cool place is sometimes as effective as dosing. The main thing is to find out what the trouble is, then prescribe. If conditions have caused it, the remedy is, of course, changing them. Lots of serious and costly trouble can be stopped by the poultryman who is a keen observer.

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The Rural New Yorker tells of a real tragedy in poultry life. A hen "stole her nest" in the manger of an unused cow stable. The manger was tightly boarded all around, and so high that the chickens were not able to get out. As no one happened to go in that building for several days the poor little chicks starved, and the hen could do nothing but jump in and out, clucking in helpless misery, so long a chick remained with life enough to peep. It is best to make sure that there are no out-of-the-way traps of this sort accessible to the hens.

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Connecticut is sometimes designated as the "Wooden Nutmeg State;" but a hen of East Lyme seems to have started a campaign to re-establish the reputation of the State for fair dealing, says the Youth's Companion. Over-taken by a trolley car while promenading down the road, this Plymouth Rock fowl was carried along for five minutes or more on the fender. When the car stopped and she hopped off, cackling, it was discovered that she had left an egg between the fender wires by way of payment for the ride. Few hens—outside of Connecticut—are so conscientious as that. (The wire fenders of the trolleys up there must be closer than they are here—ours wouldn't hold an ostrich egg.)

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Give the late broods runs, if possible, that have no poultry on this year. On the farm this can be done, and even if the location happens to be a little inconvenient, the extra results that will be secured will more than pay for all the extra trouble, etc. Chicks will thrive remarkably on brand new runs, even when they are late broods.

G. O. BROWN.

Parkville, Md.

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The Houdan hen, illustrated on our title page, is reprinted from Feathered Life, England. The illustration was made from a photograph of the first prize hen at the International Show, also winner at another important exhibition, the only times she was exhibited. To judge by the picture, the bird is a fine specimen of the famous French variety, and represents the ideal female Houdan, admired by breeders of first-class table fowl, as well as by fanciers, as one of the handsomest and most useful varieties of poultry before the public to-day. To breed Houdans once, is to breed them always, is the way an old admirer of the breed expressed it, and we are of the opinion that this is correct as a rule, to judge by the number of old timers that stick to Houdans as fly adheres to flypaper in August.

The illustrations on the third page of the American Fancier this week show the life-like countenance of the famous Legmorn Judge and Fancier, George H. Burgott, of Lawtons, N. Y. Also, a shipment of some of the Brown Leghorns raised on Mr. Burgott's Empire State Farm. Readers of the American Fancier have long been acquainted with George "Pan" Burgott, and remember him most pleasantly as the Superintendent of poultry at the Pan-American Exposition, held at Buffalo in 1901. As a breeder of Brown

Leghorns he stands in the front rank, while as a judge of all varieties of Leghorns he has few equals and no superiors. Personally, he is one of the best fanciers in the business, and a royal good fellow wherever you meet him.

In France the La Fleche fowl is highly esteemed as a table fowl; in this country, it is comparatively unknown to the markets. Some years ago J. D. Nevius sent a few LaFleche chickens to the famous Ponce de Leon Hotel, St. Augustine, Florida, and was surprised to receive an order for 600 pairs of dressed chickens of the La Fleche breed. As many wealthy epicures stop at the above-mentioned hotel, the order was significant in proving the value of the La Fleche fowl for the palate. Black legs and white skin were no drawback in this case, and we hope the foolish prejudice against both will die out.

It frequently occurs that representatives of the poultry and agricultural press will write up the shows and give full sway to their opinions. If the writer is of an optimistic temperament he sees the good qualities of the birds in the show; if he is a pessimist he is apt to "run down" nearly every thing he sees. These are the two extremes, and a happy medium should be found before criticism can obtain recognition from intelligent fanciers.

To the fancier who has spent a life-time in perfecting a breed, the difficulties of attaining an ideal approaching the standard are well known; to the superficial critic who has never encountered the quicksands and pitfalls of breeding for standard ideals, the difficulties are "nil," and he by his pen, often destroys the ambition and good work of the fancier.

While the turkey has gained in popularity and retained its quality, the

good, old-fashioned goose has been neglected. A real juicy young goose is a "rara avis." This we found out to our sorrow not long ago, although the goose we ordered was to be young and tender, the result showed the age to be doubtful and the tenderness a myth. Any fowl epicure who has executed parabolic curves with a carving knife on a tough goose can sympathize with the writer when he states that almost the twelve signs of the zodiac and all the mathematical curves in Legendres Geometry were executed in an attempt to extricate the edible portion from a spavined old goose. It beats the Delsartin movements completely.

The chief trouble in obtaining a food goose is in the fact that the breeder of the same does not understand the process of fattening. A goose must be fat to be good, and the fatter the better. This means heavy feeding and stuffing. In Germany, the land of the goose and the beer, geese are fed on carrots and barley. Each goose is placed in a coop by itself and nudeled. This consists of cramming doughy pellets of mixed grain and carrots down the throats of the birds.

One of the delicacies to be found in the fancy German grocery stores of this country is the smoked Pommeranian goose breast. If we compare the immense amount of fine meat on such a breast with the rather inferior quality on the American goose, we can readily see the value of careful feeding. As the Germans and Hebrews are great consumers of geese, the above facts may prove of value to goose culturists.

When we read in a paper that a bird is bad, indifferent, or unworthy of a prize, we involuntarily want to know why it is so, yet we fail to find the reason given in nine cases out of ten. This is not criticism, but individual opinion unbacked by reason.

The above evil can be remedied and the critics do good work in the future, but there is a class of self-styled critics that is incorrigible. It is the "genus homo" that masquerades under a "nom de plume" and condemns in toto whatever does not agree with its ideas.

If breeders would seek to raise fewer exhibition birds, and at the same time better ones, extreme matings would soon be abolished, and with them hundreds of inferior specimens. To establish a line of blood from the best male and the best female should be the aim of every breeder. A pair will beat a full hand in the chicken business.

Editor Frank Heck, of the Successful Poultry Journal, Chicago, Ill., has issued a new edition of his book, "999 Questions and Answers." It is published with a flexible paper cover this time, and will be found more handy than the original cloth-bound edition. This book contains a large amount of very interesting, useful and instructive matter, compiled in a most readable style by Mr. Heck. It is well worth the dollar asked for it.

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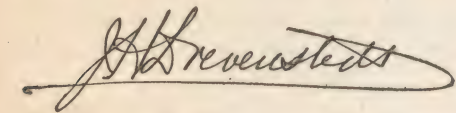
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Mr. D. Lincoln Orr, Ex-President and Ex-Secretary of the American Poultry Association, came down from his mill and poultry farm in Orange County, one day last week, to visit the metropolis of the new world, and talk over the problems of poultry culture with the poultrymen located in the section of New York known as "Chicken Haven," where the American Fancier, William Russ, "Billy" Stanton, "the only" Dillingham, Bro. Nones, and Lee Bache by proxy, are doing business. "Link" Orr is the same six-pence, even the grey hairs he now abundantly frescoed with on his handsome occiput, not affecting his well known disposition to scrap and argue. He seems quiet enough on the A. P. A. matters, but once he gets started on Columbia Wyandottes, his new, and White Wyandottes, his old favorites, all concerned are inattentive. He reports a big lot of chickens this season and doing splendidly. "Had a fresh air crank of a man to raise 'em and he did it to the Queen's taste. Strong, vigorous, healthy birds. No coddling in brooders, but lots of pure air for him. Guess he was right." A small sermon right here. More chickens are baked, roasted, smothered and coddled to death than were ever lost by the "open door" and fresh air method. What dies by the latter is not worth raising.

Mr. Arthur Schilling, the coming animal painter and artist in fine line work of the United States, is on a brief vacation tour in the East, prior to his return to Chicago, where he is engaged with White's Class Advertising as special artist. Schilling is ambitious, and hopes to spend a few years abroad studying in the great art schools of Munich, Germany. It is a pleasure to say good words for this young artist, who, notwithstanding his rapid rise to the front, has not allowed his success to swell his level head. He loves "art for art's sake," and that is the index to his character and the keynote of his success. He still retains his love for Buff Cochins Bantams, and has taken up Boston Terriers as a side diversion.

Columbian Wyandottes, Secret: Edgar E. McIntosh writes: "The Columbian business has been a long ways ahead of any season since I bred them and the outlook is promising. To the American Fancier, the Columbians owe more than most fanciers realize, for it always had a good word for them, and gave a few more words in their favor, when other papers didn't seem to know whether it was best or not. Also our advertisement in your paper has been a good investment, so will send another "ad." so as to keep our name before the fanciers." The writer of these notes recognized the value of Columbian Wyandottes when the variety was very, very new, and had few friends. The beauty of the breed was indicated then in a crude but unmistakable form, and now the early promise has been fulfilled as seen in the beautiful specimen at our leading shows, notably the females, which in many instances rival

The best Light Brahmas in neck and tail pencillings. Mr. Schilling, the artist, told us he knew of no variety that had such a big future before it as the Columbian Wyandotte, and he has travelled thousands of miles and heard the favorable comments of hundreds of Fanciers regarding the merits of the Columbians. We look for an immense show of these new favorites at the big Eastern Shows next winter.



SATISFACTORY METHODS OF PRESERVING EGGS.

So many requests for receipts for preserving eggs have come to us lately that we reprint herewith that part of the report on the subject which describes the successful experiments in this line conducted at the Rhode Island Agricultural Experiment Station, in 1901. The complete report was printed in the issues of this paper for March 1 and 15, 1902, and also appears in the Seventeenth Annual Report of the Station:

There are a number of methods of keeping eggs which are of commercial importance. The large surplus which, if thrown upon the market during the season of greatest production, would reduce prices so low as to entail loss to both producer and handler, are now well taken care of by cold storage. This process is certainly effectual in keeping the eggs for months in dormant condition. They must be fresh and good when placed in storage, however, for they are certainly not improved by the process. A method of managing eggs practiced by one of the great packing houses in Chicago involves the removal of the contents from the shell, and putting up of the same in cans in liquid form, either mixed or whites and yolks separate, for bakers' purposes. Only the finest of stock is used, and no preservative of any kind is employed. This method is in use on an extensive scale. Another very effective process is that of drying the separated yolks and whites. If thoroughly and properly dried and kept dry, they can be held a long time before using.

A bright, limpid, fresh laid egg is, however, the most satisfactory to both poultryman and consumer. The supplying of guaranteed fresh clean eggs to customers who will pay promptly and well for them should be encouraged. It oftentimes happens, however, that good eggs are on hand or easily and cheaply obtainable, and in the interests of necessary economy the poultryman or housekeeper desires to keep them for several weeks or months before using. Because of requests for some simple and inexpensive way of accomplishing this purpose, a number of experiments were undertaken at this station to ascertain what methods of preservation of eggs can best be utilized to economically and effectually hold the surplus of eggs produced in spring for a few months so that they can be used to advantage in the fall and early winter to supplement the production when eggs are scarce and expensive. We advise and urge the use of the freshest of eggs for the household when possible, but our experiments prove that good clean eggs can be easily and cheaply preserved for a considerable

length of time when necessary. Such eggs, if ever offered for sale, should not be represented as fresh stock.

In studying the subject of preservatives, the question arises. What are the causes of deterioration, staleness, mustiness and decomposition? The answer is simple enough. Ferments or germs cause changes in the contents of the egg, the chemical changes follow that result in the formation of liquid or gaseous compounds, which, if continued, result in the offensive or "rotten" egg. To preserve the egg the germs must be destroyed, kept dormant, or their growth prevented in some manner. The oxygen of the air is the chief supporter of the chemical changes which take place. In most methods of preserving eggs it is desirable to exclude or sterilize the air, which may act as a conveyor of both germs and oxygen to the eggs. Fresh infertile eggs, even after several days subjection to the temperature of incubation, are found to have changed but little and can be used for cooking purposes. A fertile egg, which has been incubated even for a few hours, so that the chick embryo has started to grow and has then by some means died, soon decomposes under ordinary conditions. Among numerous methods of preserving eggs, the following have been considered worthy of experimental tests:

- 1.—Water glass (silicate of soda).
- 2.—Dry table salt (chlorid of sodium).
- 3.—Slaked lime and salt brine.
- 4.—Vaseline.
- 5.—Dry wood ashes.
- 6.—Finely ground gypsum (surface of lime).
- 7.—Powdered sulphur.
- 8.—Brimstone fumes and sulphur.
- 9.—Salicylic acid.
- 10.—Salt brine.

In each test, unless otherwise stated, fresh eggs, gathered with care and cautiously handled, were used. When the preservative was in powdered form, clean, dry, unwashed eggs were used. When a liquid preservative was used, the eggs were, unless otherwise noted, carefully washed in clean water. Except in few cases, the receptacles used for holding the eggs were stone jars, each six and one-half inches in diameter and seven inches in height, and provided with stoneware covers. From the parallel tests, unless otherwise stated, as uniform as possible in size, color of shell and age; laid by fowls of one breed, treated alike as to food, range, care and management. During the trial the stone jars containing the eggs remained undisturbed upon the floor of a cellar closet where the temperature ranged from 62 degrees to 67 degrees F. in summer. The duration of trials was extended beyond the length of time usually required, in order to most thoroughly test the various methods used. In several cases fertilized and sterile eggs were compared.

Water Glass (Silicate of Soda).

Method: The water glass, or soluble glass, is obtained of druggists, and costs from 40 to 60 cents per gallon. That used in tests was of 1.12 specific gravity, which in the first series of tests was diluted with distilled water to a ten per cent solution (in practice take one pint of water glass and add nine parts of boiled water).

On May 18, 1899, twenty eggs of Leghorn fowls, laid during the five days from the 12th of May, were carefully washed with water and placed

in a stone jar. The ten per cent solution of water glass was poured over the eggs until completely covered with the liquid. The covered jar was placed on the floor of the cellar closet and left until the end of the test, April 4, 1900. Result: Good, 100 per cent; bad, 0 per cent.

On opening the jar the water glass was found to have formed a white gelatinous precipitate, which adhered more or less closely to the eggs. The shells of the eggs were very clean, owing to the alkaline nature of the solution; the air cells were not enlarged. Examination showed the whites of the eggs to be clear, but not so limpid as those of fresh eggs. The yolks appeared to be normal in color and condition. The taste of the eggs was slightly flat, or at least not perfectly fresh. The eggs had kept well for a period of ten months and seventeen days, and proved to be suitable for culinary use.

Dry Table Salt (Chlorid of Sodium).

Method: Fine table salt, such as is sold at ordinary grocery stores, was used. Salt to the depth of two inches was placed in the stone jar, and on May 20, 1899, twenty Leghorn eggs, laid during the five days, May 12th to 16th, were placed in a jar, small ends down, not touching each other, and closely packed in the salt. The jar remained untouched in the cellar closet to the end of the test. Result: Good, 0 per cent; bad, 100 per cent.

On April 4, 1900, these eggs were examined, and their contents had somewhat shrunk, the air cells being greatly enlarged. The whites were orange tinted in some cases, and slightly darkened in others. Several used as drop eggs had a rather flat taste. The whites of several subjected to the egg beater frothed up nearly as well as the whites of fresh eggs. Both the whites and the yolks of these eggs had a taste similar to that of smoked herring, and could not therefore be said to have kept well. For preserving eggs for a few months, however, this method may be recommended. It is simple, cheap, and for short periods reasonably effective.

Westchester Show.

The Westchester Poultry, Pigeon and Pet Stock Association has been given control of the poultry exhibit at the coming Fair. They will give a good classification for single birds, old and young, and will coop the show with modern cooping. They also hope to get J. H. Drevenstedt and W. H. Stanton to judge the show. Everything points to the largest show ever held in Westchester County. There will be over one hundred specials offered by the Association and others. Everyone is invited to send an exhibit, especially fanciers in Westchester County. Fred Harries, Secretary of the Association will superintend the show, from whom all particulars can be had. Anyone desirous of offering specials will oblige by sending at once, as premium list will soon be issued.

Business Notice.

At a Special Meeting of the Board of Directors of The American Fancier Printing and Publishing Company, July 6th, 1906, the resignation of Mr. Robert T. Dennis, as Secretary, was accepted. Mr. H. M. Pockman was elected Secretary in his place.

TRIAL SUBSCRIPTION—Send twenty-five cents and we will send The American Fancier for thirteen weeks to one address.

FROM THE PACIFIC COAST.

(Special to The American Fancier.)

Spokane, Wash., July 14.—A poultry show will be given in Spokane from Sept. 24th to Sept. 30th, during the meeting of the Spokane Interstate Fair. This fair is extending its scope each year and is growing more like the big expositions of the East. This is the first time in many years that a poultry show of any kind has been given in Spokane, but it is believed that it will be a good one. Premiums will consist of \$3 for first; \$2 for second; on pens of each variety; \$1.50 for first and \$1 for second on cock, cockerel, hen and pullet. All birds will be judged according to American Standard of Perfection. H. H. Collier, of Tacoma, Wash., will be superintendent of the department. Special prizes of \$25, \$15 and \$10 will be given to counties making the largest and best display. In this the largest number of birds will count 30 per cent; largest number of varieties, 15 per cent; largest number of first prizes, 25 per cent; largest number of second prizes, 20 per cent; and the largest number of third prizes, 10 per cent. Other special prizes will be given.

No country of the world seems better adapted to raising poultry than the section around Spokane. The climate is comparatively dry. Birds are free from disease, and those who have been raising poultry for a number of years have captured first prizes in many cities of the United States, notably at the National Poultry Show, at Chicago, in 1902 and 1904, for this western bird. The Spokane Poultry Association, of which H. C. Blair, of Spokane, is secretary, is assisting in giving the September show at Spokane this year. Black Minorcas and Brown Leghorns are favorites of this section. White Plymouth Rocks have probably captured more prizes than any other variety.

The Washington State Poultry Association is another organization recently incorporated, with a capital of \$1,000 at \$1 per share. J. J. Miller and S. H. Schriener, both of North Yakima, are president and secretary. This association will give a poultry show at North Yakima in December. The Spokane Poultry Association will hold a poultry show early in January.

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Pacific Coast Fanciers' Monthly.
American Poultry Advocate.
Michigan Poultry Breeder.
Canadian Poultry Review.
Industrious Hen.
Pacific Poultryman.
The Feather.
Game Fanciers' Journal.

This Offer Good until September 1, 1906.

Farm, Field and Garden

BY G. O. BROWN

As soon as the berry season is over, collect all the crates and berry boxes and store them away, so they will not be weather beaten and discolored. It is not only unsightly to allow these things to remain around indiscriminately, but it is a great waste.

It is reported that an Agricultural trust has been formed of huge proportions for controlling the output of dairy and poultry farmers. The alleged capital is \$19,000,000, and the backers are said to be Levi P. Morton, Thomas F. Ryan, Harry Payne Whitney and some prominent New York banking houses. The American Agriculturist says: It is too soon to form and adequate idea of just what this concern can accomplish, but up to the present, it is not taken seriously.

The strawberry crop in the lower counties of Maryland paid very well this season, although the yield was not as good as usual. One grower near Hickman from four acres sold \$1,000. One company at Salisbury shipped 74 car loads. June 9 they sent off 20 car loads. The best prices realized on any shipments were those sent to Pittsburgh.

Be sure that your water supply is pure on the farm. Many times sickness is caused by bad water.

A man in Pennsylvania, says American Agriculturist, claims to have proved that bee stings will cure rheumatism. His doctor says that the poison from the stings acts as an antidote to the uric acid in the blood. In the presence of some 2,000 agriculturists in convention at Jenkintown, the man with the rheumatism had one hundred bees, made furious for the occasion, do their worst upon his back. A colony of stingless bees have been imported from the Orinoco river region of South America. The bees are said to be great honey producers.

A good statistical authority says there are 8,000,000 dogs in the U. S., and he figures the cost of keeping a year is \$80,000,000. In Ohio, according to the returns of Assessors, the number of sheep killed by dogs in four years, from 1895 to 1898, was 112,345; amount injured during same time 66,133. The amount the State paid in damages was \$421,055. Besides the sheep trouble, the statistics show many deaths that were caused by rabies. It is a pretty strong indictment against the cur, or tramp dog.

A persuasive bicycle agent got a farmer to save up his money so as to buy a bicycle. The farmer said he "needed a cow more'n the wheel," but the agent was insistent. It was agreed he should stop next fall. When he came the farmer leaned over the fence and pointed to a nice Jersey cow and said, "that's what I bought with the money last week, that I had saved up." "You'll look funny riding that cow to town, won't you?" "Yaas, drawled the farmer, but I'd look a darned sight funnier trying to milk a bicycle."

California has a young woman who is a soil expert. She has been appointed to the position in the Agricultural Experiment Station at Honolulu, when she will be assistant to Director J. Eckhart. Miss Alice Thompson is a handsome young woman still in her teens.

A young man fresh from college wore as a scarf pin a jeweled potato bug. One day he called the attention of an old German bookseller to it, asking:

"Isn't that pretty, Dutchy?"

"Ja, ja," was the reply. "Dot ish der piggest pug on der schmallest botato I haf efer seen."

The farmer minds his peas (and Q's), He hives his bees, he tends his ewes; Out in the field his gee and haw Resound above the raven's caw; Until the ground begins to freeze He alomst never takes his ease.

But still amidst his toil and cares

In all his work the old plow shares.

—Saturday Evening Post.

When there are fruits on the farm Doctor's bills are always less. Stewed fruits should be on the table at least once a day. In many instances fruits are medicinal in value as well as palatable and nutritious. People who are fond of fruits are generally healthy.

WILD CHERRY TREES VALUABLE.

Editor American Fancier:

Several weeks back The American Fancier copied an article from some agricultural paper strongly condemning the wild cherry tree.

Now a poultry paper should be the last to give credence to the worthlessness (?) of the wild cherry tree.

For, it is one of the best of trees to plant in poultry yards or runs. It is a quick grower, a sure grower and a fine shade maker.

As usually found along the roadside and field fences, it is an ungainly and misshapen tree, due to the browsing of cattle when the trees were young.

With a little trimming or pruning it can readily be shaped to make a most symmetrical or ornamental tree as desired. I have in one of my runs a five year old tree, four feet high, trained into table shape, with a perfectly flat full table top six feet in diameter. A tree which arouses the admiration and curiosity of all visitors here. The fruit of the wild cherry is much relished by poultry and birds. I have known chickens in heavy moult to almost live on wild cherries in preference to other food. The fruit makes a splendid wine, an excellent jelly, besides both a medicinal cordial and a syrup are made from the bark. I do not pretend that wild cherry trees will give an equal return to peaches, plums, etc., when planted in poultry runs. But as a tree that can easily be had, that is sure to grow, and to give fine returns for the small labor and trouble involved, I would recommend to poultry people that they plant wild cherry trees.

T. W.

Feed of the Brood Sow.

For the first three weeks after farrowing the sow should be confined to the lot. During the first week she should receive little more than enough to sustain her, and nothing should be fed that is calculated to produce a large flow of milk. From the end of the first week to the end gradually increased, and from the time the pigs are 4 weeks old until they are weaned the sow should get all the milk-producing food she will eat. If the feed has been gradually increased she will not lose her appetite, as so often happens. It requires more than skill in feeding the brood sow. It is important that the milk supply be increased in proportion to the increased capacity of the pigs to consume it. If the sow be fed too much when the pigs are young, too much milk is taken by them and the "scours," or diarrhea, is the result, while if not enough is given, when the pigs become older they fail to grow as they should, and it must be remembered that it is extremely doubtful whether any pig that is stunted in its growth when young ever pays for its feed. The feed for the brood sow at first may consist of house slops and a little dry grain, but not later than the tenth day we must begin to feed for the production of that milk supply needed to sustain the proper growth of the litter. The feed to be given is skimmed milk, wheat bran or shorts, ground wheat, oats or peas and some green fodder, preferably red clover or alfalfa. She should be fed three times a day and allowed all the fresh water she can drink. After four weeks she and her litter should have the run of a good pasture. No attempt should be made to breed her until the pigs are weaned. This should be done when they are about two months old, and the sow will almost invariably take the boar inside of a week. This enables her to produce two litters in a year, which can be done to best advantage in this climate.—Mississippi Experiment Station Report.

Cost of Producing Milk.

The New Jersey Experiment Station summarizes its record of the cost of producing milk from the college herd as follows: "The daily cost of total fod per cow varied from 11.60 cents in 1896 to 12.88 cents in 1901. The daily cost for fine feed varied from 4.99 cents in 1896 to 7.62 cents in 1901; the cost of roughage varied from 5.23 cents in 1902 to 6.61 cents in 1896.

"The cost of producing per quart varied from 2.26 cents in 1902 to 2.49 cents in 1896; and the average annual yield per cow was 6,528 pounds. The study of the records of individual cows also showed that but little profit can be derived from a cow that does not produce five thousand pounds of milk per year, particularly if the product is sold at the low price of one cent per pound; no stronger argument is needed in favor of the necessity of testing the animals, and thus learning their exact value, than is afforded by these records. Furthermore, the facts brought out by the records indicate that there is but little profit from a cow that does not produce two hundred pounds of butter per year, and point to the necessity of a careful selection of cows for the butter dairy."

—American Cultivator,

IN THE COUNTRY.

I'd rather lay out here among the trees
With the singin' birds and bumble-bees,
A knowin' that I can do as I please,
Than to live what folks call a life of ease
Up thar in the city.

It's kinder lonesome, mebbe, you'll say,
A livin' out here, day after day
In this kinder easy, careless way,
But an hour out here's bettr'n a day
Up thar in the city.

As for that, just look at the flowers aroun'
A peepin' their heads up all over the groun',
And the fruit a-bendin' the trees way down;
You don't find such things as these in town,
Or ruther, in the city.

As I said before, sech things as these—
The flowers, the birds and the bum'l bees

And a-livin' out here among the trees
Where you can take your ease and do's you please—

Makes it better'n than the city.

—James Whitcomb Riley.

Cost and Yield of Small Fruits.

The following communication is written in answer to many letters to me on the above subject, says Rural World. What will it cost to grow berries and how long can I have them fresh from the vines? Dates in my note book show that strawberries, those luscious (health-giving beauties, commence to ripen, or rather my first shipment was made, April 28th; and the last one on June 10th. The first shipment of raspberries was made June 5th, and the last on July 3rd. The first shipment of blackberries is recorded June 8th and the last August 12th. In fact, for home use, we had strawberries a week after the first ripening of raspberries.

Strawberries may be grown for two cents a quart. I have raised 400 crates per acre, or 320 bushels. Two hundred crates is an average yield. Raspberries may be grown for four cents per quart. Yields vary from 60 to 150 crates per acre. Blackberries may be grown cheapest of all, for one cent per quart, and yield 60 to 120 crates per acre. Other fruits may be grown cheaply, such as grapes, gooseberries, cherries, plums, pears, peaches, and even apples, which themselves will supply one with fruit the entire year. What more can we ask of nature? But it is a painful fact, and looks like sinning against an all-wise Providence, that so many fail to produce sufficient fruit for home use. Failing to do this, we are deprived of the cheapest and most wholesome food we can produce. Strawberries will bear a full crop one year after planting. I have tested more than 100 varieties during the past 40 years, and think it wise to plant about six varieties best adapted to one's soil and climate.

Swamped With Orders.

To The American Fancier:
Kindly cut out my large classified advertisement and just run the small one. I am swamped with orders. Have had to refuse some. Have had as high as eleven settings of my best eggs ordered in one mail. Please cut the ad out as soon as possible. Wishing you success with your bright, newsy paper, remain,

Very truly yours,

ARTHUR BOUCK.

Frankfort, N. Y., April 20, 1906.

DRY FEEDING: THE NEW POULTRY CULTURE.

By A. F. Hunter, West Roxbury, Mass.
(Continued from July 14th Issue.)

a ration of half wheat and half cracked corn, with the beef scraps added, until the pullets are about half grown, say ten or twelve weeks old; when the grain ration is gradually changed by the introduction of the best grade of oats, till in a couple of weeks it will be a fourth oats, a fourth wheat, and half cracked corn, and on this ration they are left to grow to full maturity. The addition of oats to the hoppers is to strengthen the body-building side of the ration, oats being the best body-builder of all the grains. In this simple way it is possible to grow good, strong, healthy layers, and not have one bit of fuss about "balancing rations" and forty different kinds of food. When the pullets show signs of getting ready to lay, which they will do by October first if they are hatched in April, it is high time to get them into the quarters they will occupy during the winter, and it is now time to change the manner of feeding somewhat.

The food for the laying hens is in a food-hopper which is divided into three compartments, each holding about half a bushel; in one compartment is a mixture of one-half barley and a half cracked corn, in the middle compartment is the beef scraps and in the other whole oats. This food is there in the hoppers all the time, the hoppers being refilled twice a week, and never being empty, and they eat of either or all of them just as they choose. It is evident that if the hoppers were sufficiently large to hold a full week's supply of grain they would only need to be filled once a week, and then the Doctor would have it told of him that he only fed his hens once a week!

The question of green food supply, here in our rigorous climate where snow covers the ground for many weeks and some winters as much as four months, is a most important one, and the question is frequently raised as to feeding something warm, "to warm up the birds when they come off the roosts." If one has the feeling that he must feed something warm, by all means make it a feed of steamed clover, cut in half-inch lengths, and the green food supply will be covered at the same time. The freshening of cut clover by either steam or hot water makes it more palatable, makes it considerably like known hay before it is cured, and the fowls relish it greatly. They also relish the cut clover dry, and some progressive poultrymen keep a wire netting pocket of cut clover hanging against the wall of each pen, the clover being cut in half-inch lengths and a half bushel at a time put in the pocket. The fowls eat a good deal of it. The usual green foods, such as beets, turnips, carrots, cabbages,—any of the vegetables commonly used for this purpose, can be fed just the same when the grains are fed in hoppers as when the old-time mash breakfast was fed.

Another prominent poultryman's method of dry-feeding he describes as to give the chicks a mixture of assorted grains, and grit of about the size of a pin head, for their first food. With a dish of beef scraps standing constantly before them, and the fine-grained thrown in litter, with plenty of green food (cabbage and green grass),

they have an inducement to scratch from sunrise to sunset, and they take the food slowly and naturally. With the beef scraps always within reach they at no time crave more animal food, their systems rapidly adapt themselves to a season of plenty, and nature constructs a body planned for a continuation of this same diet, namely: good, thick strong leg and frame, and a chicken that looks ready to eat at any stage of the game!—long-bodied, short-legged, hardy, "born-to-live" looking fellows, free from all the ills and pains of chickendom, and fit to wrestle for a living through thick and thin, through good weather and bad, so long as the food holds out.

When they reach the age of six or eight weeks we gradually wean them from the small grains and substitute cracked corn and wheat, place them in colony coops on grass range, and soon discontinue the wheat, feeding cracked corn and beef scraps in hoppers, feeding once a week or oftener as the size of the hopper and number of chicks demand. These food-hoppers should be made quite high in front, three inches at least, as the birds are always trying for the larger pieces of beef scraps, and with a low front to the tray of the hopper they waste quite a little by throwing it out with their bills. The hoppers should be covered with waterproof paper to prevent the food becoming wet if they are placed outside the roosting coops; an excellent plan is to have a small "shelter" to put the food-hopper under, this will protect it from the rain and give the birds shelter also,—a double advantage. This system continues until the sexes are separated, and then we place the males in temporary yards sufficiently large so the birds never get them bare of grass. Putting the cull cockerels which we intend to market in pens by themselves, we compound a mixture of equal weights corn, wheat, oats and barley, ground as fine as flour if we can induce the miller to reduce it to that fineness, feed it dry and continue the beef scraps as before. This method of feeding market cockerels has given us fatter chickens than we have ever been able to produce by any other method.

A mixed lot of cockerels is about as uncomfortable a set of individuals as is ever gotten together, and this method of feeding is the only one by which each bird can be fed singly and all get a full share. Here each one goes to the hopper as long as he has plenty of saliva to moisten the food, then moves away allowing a weaker brother to come up and take his turn. They must necessarily eat slowly, because they can swallow only a small amount of this dry mixture at one time, and thus all have an equal opportunity at the food.

Here the digestion of the food begins in the mouth. If the crop of one of these birds is cut open, in place of the sour, partly fermented mess that is found in the crop of a mash-fed chicken, we find the grain as sweet as ever, but smelling as though partly cooked; there is no fermentation of any kind, and we think the crop now does the work nature intended for it to do.

When the pullets go the laying houses they are fed cracked corn, wheat, oats and barley; fifty per cent. of this, however, is cracked corn. A hopper of beef scraps is kept constant-

ly before them, and we now add a hopper of dry bran. The whole grain is thrown in litter two or three times a day, as convenience dictates. The birds are made to scratch for all of their grain, and there are cabbages for them to eat constantly before them. If cabbages are not plenty we use cut clover, scalded to soften it, fed in deep troughs. We have used with excellent success a dry-mash consisting of twenty-five per cent. corn meal, twenty-five per cent. beef scraps, and fifty per cent. bran, fed dry in boxes during the morning, giving what they will eat up by noon, when we give a light feed of whole grain, with a full feed at night. Hard grain is thrown in litter, as previously noted, and while this ration is a little cheaper than the other because the dealers put the poorer grades of corn into their meal, the results are not always so satisfactory as we could wish, and for that reason. A good egg-yield will result from this ration if the ground grain and beef scraps are of good quality. We have no difficulty in getting birds to one or two pounds above standard weight by this method, and we want to say that we believe that ninety per cent. of the chickens raised in this country do not have sufficient quantity of the right quality of food; what is called over-feeding, we believe would be more correctly expressed as improper feeding.

"There are very few breeds that would get too fat to lay if properly exercised, and we have yet to find one of our birds in this condition.

As to fertility, and the strength of the germs, we believe no system of feeding can equal this method. The eggs uniformly test well, and the germs live through and hatch good, strong, bound-to-live chicks that are ready to take up the dry-feeding method as their ancestors did. No weaklings result, provided the other conditions surrounding the birds are right, one of the most important of which is an abundance of fresh air; and our fowls will stand an almost unlimited amount of this if the houses are free from draughts, and they are not subjected to the daily sweating over a hot mash. Each generation of these youngsters seems harder than their ancestors, are more cheaply raised, for any uplifting of the general health of the flock must be reflected in the decreased mortality of the youngsters.

The labor saved is no small item, for the difference between feeding the chicks three times a day with grain, plus the cooked Johnny-cake, or heating the water and stirring up the mash for a large flock of hens, and having the food almost always accessible to the chicks in summer, and the dry-mash with throwing the dry grain in litter in winter, amounts to a saving of a third to a full half of a man's time and physical energy; all of which we have demonstrated to our complete satisfaction is labor wasted. This labor directed to other details, and the poultry work is full of them, will grow the chicks and care for the flocks much better, or will allow double the numbers to be kept with the same number of steps taken daily. Experiment has demonstrated that quite as many eggs will result, as by the mash-feeding system; any old stock that is kept over will be found to lay nearly as well the second year as the first; the birds lay better through the molt; there is less

mortality among the adult birds, and the profits will be found to be on the right side of the ledger when the accounts are made up.

An excellent test of the dry-feeding method was made at the Main Experiment Station this year, the report given in Bulletin No. 117 of that station confirming many of the claims made by the advocates of the dry-feeding method of rearing chicks and feeding adult fowls.

Last June we had 1,400 chickens well started, and we changed the plan of feeding by keeping cracked corn, wheat, and beef scraps, in separate slatted troughs where they could help themselves whenever they desired to do so. Not more than one-fourth of the grain was wheat for the pullets, while in the cockerel division nothing but cracked corn and beef scrap were fed. Grit, bone and oyster shell were always supplied. There were no regular hours for feeding, but care was taken that the troughs were never empty.

The results were satisfactory. The labor of feeding was far less than that required by any other method we have followed. The birds did not hang around the troughs and over-eat, but helped themselves—a little at a time—and ranged off, hunting or playing and coming back again when so inclined to the food supply at the troughs. There was no rushing or crowding about the attendant as is usual at feeding time where large numbers are kept together. While the birds liked the beef scrap they did not over-eat of it.

The birds did well under this treatment. The cockerels were well developed, and we never raised a better lot of pullets. The first egg was laid when the oldest pullets were four months and ten years old. For the last six years the pullets have been from four months and ten days to four months and twenty days old when the first eggs were found.

The dry-feeding was continued with the pullets thus raised, with decidedly satisfactory results. The report says:—

On the first of last November we began feeding 550 April and May hatched pullets wholly on dry food. They were in the curtain-front houses with warm elevated roosting closets, and in flocks of 50, 100 and 150. At five o'clock in the morning the flocks of 50 birds were given two quarts of cracked corn; at half past ten o'clock they had one quart of wheat and one quart of oats. The dry material was all spread on the litter on the floor but not raked in. Along one side of the pens were feed troughs with slatted fronts, in which was kept a supply of the dry material of which the moist mash, before described, was composed. These troughs were never allowed to remain empty when the supply was exhausted. The dry mash was constantly within the reach of all birds and they helped themselves at will. Oyster shell, dry cracked bone, grit and charcoal were accessible at all times. A moderate supply of raw mangles and plenty of clean warm water was furnished them. When they were first put upon this ration they were not acquainted with the dry mixture in the troughs and ate of it sparingly, but in three or four days they were using as much of it as at any later time until they got to laying heavily. When the feeds of

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Pigeon Fancy, Flying and Pet Stock

EDITED BY H. M. POCKMAN

It is amazing to see what the advent of the new associations of fanciers is doing to awaken from their lethargy some who, in years past, have been called "behind the times." New life, new vigor, new fanciers, in fact, are manifest on every hand, and withal, the best of feelings pervades. Long may it last, for the fancy is not in the least benefited by disagreements and newspaper controversies.

The management of the Hagerstown, Md., fair is offering every inducement in the pigeon department. Specials and good prize money are the main factors for a big "turnout." Mr. Spahr has given these together with most capable men to place the ribbons. In Messrs. Ewald and Stanton they have selected two of the best known judges in the country. Both are "old times" at the game.

We understand Mr. C. M. Northrip, of Albany, has purchased the entire delphia capture the blues in Dragoon of the late Dr. Mills, consisting of two hundred birds.

Mr. George W. Spohn has recently joined the Dragoon Club. Mr. Spohn has bred and shown successfully Magpies and Show Homers. Maybe we will see a "dark horse" from Philadelphia capture the blues in Dragoon alley.

The Tippler Fancy is gaining in popularity very fast, especially around Philadelphia.

Tipplers make a most excellent variety for those whose delight is to see their birds on the wing.

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In pigeons the eye is the index of health. If dull, or a bird sits winking in a listless manner, something is wrong surely. Sickly birds shun society and mope in dark corners. Do not let such birds go unattended, but see if you cannot find the cause and remedy such.

There are many cases in the history of American pigeon flying, where actual wins excellent position in races, and splendid performances have been wiped out and never permitted to see daylight on account of this unfortunate remaining out or non-trapping, for with us the in time "in time," as we term it, is the all important point in the decision of races and records.

Many conceited flying fanciers whose birds usually lose no time in going in, look wise and mysterious

when this question of quick trapping is discussed, deeming and claiming it as an art, a special credit to themselves, and as mum as an oyster when asked to divulge the cause of the quick going in of their birds, much the same as they do about the handling and "conditioning" question.

The trapping and training are the arts in flying birds. The conditioning and preparing for the show pen are the arts in exhibiting birds.

One of the advantages with young homers is that you have not to keep them prisoners for long. Birds were never meant to be kept prisoners, and the humane will most likely seize on this way of stocking.

The disadvantages of this method are obvious. First you pay a lot for birds that will be little worth for flying for a long time and second the vagaries as they are termed, of squeakers, are numerous.

They disappear sometimes, get lost or something. I have heard of whole lifts suddenly and mysteriously disappearing and nothing being heard of them after. This is exceedingly discouraging, although of course by no means common. One or two, however, are sure to be lost. With adults the matter is different. They are matured and ready for breeding operations when they arrive, and although disadvantages arise with them also, more particularly the one of having to keep them close prisoners and thus endangering their stamina, still perhaps on the whole, adult birds give to the amateur more immediate satisfaction. He will find perhaps, that adults may suit him best. I would however, strongly warn young fanciers to be very careful as to where and of whom they buy their birds. Let him be a well known breeder and flyer.

THE RACING HOMER.

By George Lee.

Racing has now commenced in real earnest, therefore a little advice to those fanciers who are going to make things warm—that is, in the long distance events—may be of benefit.

The short early races we shall not bother about, as I think it unreasonable for fanciers to expect their birds to win both the short and long distance events. If you are a lover of long distance racing you will not be anxious to win the inland races, but will use every effort to get your birds into the best possible condition for the big events, and you will also take particular care that the steel is not knocked out of them this side of the channel.

Always remember that the birds

that are hustled off to the first race point, often a few times in advance, and kept going stage after stage, and never given a rest, get heartily sick of being put in the baskets, and seldom home in a winning time from the cross-Channel races; in fact, you will generally find them the tail-enders. Can we wonder? Look at the times they have been put in the baskets! Perhaps the atmospheric conditions have been against them in many senses; therefore we cannot blame the birds if they get knocked out in the hard, trying long distance events. Be warned; do not take too much out of your birds in the first half of the programme, and you will pass the minor events winners easily when you get on French soil.

Of course, you will have to make a lot of sacrifices if you wish to win the long distance races, but you must remember that the ambition of every true long distance pigeon racer is to win an important race. Do not forget, then, to train your birds carefully, and give them a reasonable rest between the races, and I am confident that you will be amongst the brass when the big events are flown.

Keep your loft clean. Empty the drinking vessels pretty often. Buy the best corn you can lay your hands on. Endeavor to have all in order for your birds' comfort; see that they get their thirty minutes fly twice daily—a little longer if you wish, but do not overdo it. Even if it is raining or the weather a bit rough do not fail to give your birds their exercise; teach them what you will want them to do when they are racing. Let them have a few hours every day; the morning is the best time, so that they can use the bath, and do your level best to have them in fettle for a big lift.

On no account allow your feeders to rear too many youngsters. Remember overcrowding is a decided mistake, and cannot be too widely condemned. I mention this because one of the principal failings of fanciers especially beginners, is to rear too many young birds. With a few good bred birds—real workers, of course—you have a chance of making a name in the flying world—that is, if they are under careful management; but once let your loft get overcrowded, and you will never shine as a successful long-distance racer.

Most fanciers know that many races are lost at the home end by what is known as bad trapping. Hours have been lost in trapping a single bird, but as most working-men fanciers fly their birds from a low loft, they will have them under control, therefore they will not lose much time. In many instances you will find that bad trappers have to home to a loft in a high situation, and in my opinion that is the reason the birds play about on the alighting board.

Numbers of fanciers may read this that have a few birds in pickle for the 400 or 500 mile races. Beginners will have to play a waiting game as far as old bird racing is concerned, and they must remember that good blood, good management, and careful training, and racing for the first two or three seasons of a bird's life is the secret of success in the long distance racing pigeon. When you have got your loft stocked with third season birds, that have always done what they have been asked to do in a reasonable time, you can begin getting them ready for the

cross-Channel races, and certainly expect success. Of course, I am well aware that many fanciers send yearlings to 400 and 500 hundred mile races, but my advice is, do not, or I am afraid you will never house many champions, and you cannot expect them to win hard, trying races. Third season birds will certainly knock spots off yearlings, especially in bad weather; and, barring accidents, you will find them as safe as the proverbial row of houses. Of course, you can send an odd yearling, in case the race should prove a fast, easy one.

Cincinnati District National Federation.

The 100-mile race of the old bird series was flown May 20th from Brooks, Kentucky, 73 birds competing. Wind at start East; at home, Northeast.

Owner	Speed in Yards per Minute
Louis Witte.....	905.28
Fred Wernke.....	905.83
Thomas Goodall.....	860.44
Kessenger & Greeneberger.....	855.11
Fible & Moore.....	835.20
Louis Witte.....	829.08
Fred Wernke.....	824.40
Kessenger & Greeneberger.....	801.39
Siles & Feldcamp.....	706.20

The 200-mile race was flown from Hopkinsville, Ky., May 27th. Wind at start, S. W.; at home, no wind.

Owner	Speed in Yards per Minute
Kessenger & Greeneberger.....	936.16
Kessenger & Greeneberger.....	935.77
Thomas Goodall.....	931.49
Thomas Goodall.....	930.68
Louis Witte.....	911.25
Louis Witte.....	891.17
Fred Wernke.....	891.17
Fred Wernke.....	891.03
Fible & Moore.....	891.08
Fible & Moore.....	793.70
Fred Wernke.....	869.39
Fible & Moore.....	793.70
Siles & Feldcamp.....	day record

The 300-mile race was flown from McKenzie, Tenn., June 1. No wind at the start; at home, S. E.

Owner	Speed in Yards per Minute
Fred Wernke.....	890.29
Louis Witte.....	886.77
Thomas Goodall.....	881.15
Kessenger & Greeneberger.....	880.95
Louis Witte.....	879.41
Fred Wernke.....	854.46
Kessenger & Greeneberger.....	793.97
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Feldcamp & Siles.....	754.53

The 400-mile race was flown from Memphis, Tenn., June 19. Wind at the start, N. E.; at home, North.

Owner	Speed in Yards per Minute
Louis Witte.....	958.52
Fred Wernke.....	953.75
Kessenger & Greeneberger.....	947.38
Fred Wernke.....	908.24

The 500-mile race was flown from Gillett, Ark. June 30. Wind at start, S. W.; at home, light West wind.

Owner	Speed in Yards per Minute
Louis Witte.....	1,055.28
Louis Witte.....	1,052.76
Louis Witte.....	1,052.76

LOUIS WITTE,
Race Secretary.

Washington District.

The fifth race of the Washington District was flown from Millen, Ca., on June 8th, 96 birds from seven lofts competing. The birds were liberated by Mr. M. G. McCombe, after being held in the baskets ten days, at 5:00 A. M., weather clear, south wind. A storm in the afternoon precluded all possibility of a day return, it becoming dark fully two hours earlier than usual. On the second morning another severe storm broke causing a heavy atmosphere later on. The following is the entry and average speed of the first return to each loft:

Owner	Speed in Yards per Minute
18—W. F. Dismer.....	691
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18—Walter Norwood.....	633
21—Philip Krous.....	631
21—Philip Krous.....	638.89
5—A. S. Johnstone.....	631
5—A. S. Johnstone.....	638.81
15—Dr. R. R. Ashworth.....	625
11—Jas. Greenwood.....	624
9—L. B. Nye.....	561

Phil. Krous wins the average and diploma with an average of 1,050 yards.

W. F. DISMER.

SHORT-FACED TUMBLERS.

By Herbert Bright, Feathered World.

In writing a few lines about short-faced Tumblers I think that perhaps the most important point to be taken into consideration is the question of successfully rearing the young ones. Short-faces cannot be depended upon to rear their own, as, owing to the extremely small size of their beaks and consequent difficulty in picking up grain freely and again filling the young ones, they soon get tired of the business when they have finished their supply of soft food, give it up in disgust, and set about going to nest again, to the serious detriment of the hen, and much more so to the young ones, which quickly sicken and die off. There is also a further difficulty in raising the young ones from the fact that even under favorable conditions they do not grow so quickly as the more vigorous and hardy breeds, and take a longer time to grow to a stage when they are able to look after themselves.

This trouble with the young ones is, however, easily got over by keeping a good supply of feeders which can be depended upon to rear the young ones of the short-faced birds. Without the feeders little or nothing can be done in the way of breeding, and to be a true fancier the greatest amount of pleasure is found in breeding valuable young ones that can hold their own against the best efforts of other breeders. For this purpose I find the long-faced Tumblers are the most useful, though several other kinds may do equally well, such as Tipplers, Magpies, or any crossbred birds, provided they are not too wild and not too large, though I have successfully reared short-faced Tumblers under "coarse" or London Beards.

Still, I prefer the long-faced Tumblers as being more in harmony in color and markings with the short-faced varieties, in which they are, or should be, duplicates in all feather points, and they are in most cases excellent feeders; and, further, I find the short-faced birds in most cases are quite capable of rearing a long-faced young one, should one promise to be worth the trouble. In Balds and Beards this can be ascertained at a very early age by looking at the flights, thighs and cut in Balds, and the color of the lower mandible in Beards. Any short-flighted or foul-thighed Balds or Beards with dark or badly stained lower mandibles are seldom worth the trouble of rearing; while, on the other hand, if the markings promise well, and the squabs are from well-bred stock, you may possibly rear a valuable long-faced.

Taking almonds first, one of the great things to aim at, if not perhaps the chief, is to get the correct feather. On this point there is still a difference of opinion, some fanciers preferring the lighter yellow ground-color, while others prefer a darker and redder shade. Both shades are hard to get well broken in feather, but I fancy myself that the lighter shade of color is, as a rule, better in spangling, the black being deeper and more lustrous, while the darker shade of birds are more inclined to be deep bronze or kitey on the body markings. This never looks so well as a rich black, though I think that the darker shade of birds are more handsome when they have a good break of feather, and they are, as a rule, far richer and better in color on

flights and tail than the light birds, which with age are liable to show too much black and while without the rich bronze, and, as young birds, seldom show enough color and standard feathers in flights and tail.

As to producing a good almond, the only thing to be done after getting the best blood possible is to mate the birds together to the best of your judgment and abide by the result. There is no definite law, and chance has a good deal to do with the success or otherwise of your breeding good almonds. Should any pair mated together produce some good feathered birds, let well alone, and never be tempted to part them so long as they will breed, or instead of improving matters the chances are that you will make them a good deal worse, besides wasting a lot of time. For almond breeding, of course, only almond-bred birds must be used, and if this is attended to you will be as likely to produce almonds from mating the colors together in one way as in another.

The great point to aim at is to mix the colors up well. For instance, if you have a pale-colored almond or almond splash, I should prefer to mate to a rich kite or deep red or red agate to get the richness back into the feather again. Similarly, if I had a rich dark almond, I should mate it to a bright yellow agate to brighten the feather up, and so keep mixing the colors in an in, year after year; but never be tempted to pair two pale-colored almonds together or, in fact, pale-colored birds of any color, or you go back a step, and will need another cross to get back to where you were, as the result would probably give you poor colored almonds, splashes, or pale agates.

The safest match of all, however, and the one most likely to produce the surest results, is to pair a good-colored almond cock to a rich kite hen that has the true almond color from one of its parents, and for almond breeding this match can be continued almost indefinitely.

Two very important points are head and beak; in fact, when we consider that we are dealing with short-faced Tumblers, I sometimes doubt if they should not come first of all, and feather properties rank next. Personally I have a great weakness for a good head in a short-faced bird, and I consider it the most difficult point to produce in conjunction with markings.

Vice-versa, as soon as a breeder begins to sacrifice head for feather, he gets the feather fairly easily, but let him try to get the head as well, and he will have a very much harder task before him. Besides, it is plain for anyone to see that a very good headed young one is more difficult to rear than a worse headed specimen. Consequently, as being the leading characteristic of the breed, and most difficult to keep up to type, head and beak might well be given the most points, though I know many fanciers will not agree with me in this, and quite reasonably consider that the feather of an almond Tumbler is the most important.

Agates and kites, as one might expect, are very much superior in head properties to most almonds, because in many instances they have been bred and improved with the sole object of properties, paying little or no attention to feather. There are certainly some grand specimens to be seen at the large shows, excelling in head, beak, and carriage.

I have, however, been surprised to notice how few really good almonds there are at our best shows, and how many there are which show a poor mottled kind of ground color, this being the result of breeding from bad-colored birds, which in most varieties would be discarded as being too pale and washed out in color to breed from.

A really bad-colored almond, even if it has a good head, has no more right to be placed in front of a good feathered bird than a bad-colored and badly-marked bald, beard, or mottle has over a correctly-marked one. When once you give way on feather properties, you sacrifice the main characteristic of the variety. This point is not fully recognized by many all-round judges, who go in almost entirely for good head points. Another point which one often sees overlooked is that a big bird naturally has a bigger skull than a very small one, and as we do not want big birds, due allowance should be made for relative size of head.

Another very important point, and one of the leading features of the breed, is carriage. No short-faced Tumbler can be considered a good show specimen unless it has this property well in evidence, and in almonds in particular it materially assists in showing off the color of back, flights, and tail.

A full description or standard for short-faced Tumblers can be obtained from the Hon. Secretary of the Short-faced Tumbler Club (Mr. G. Stapleton, 81, Lower Road, Rotherhithe), so I will not go further into this question here.

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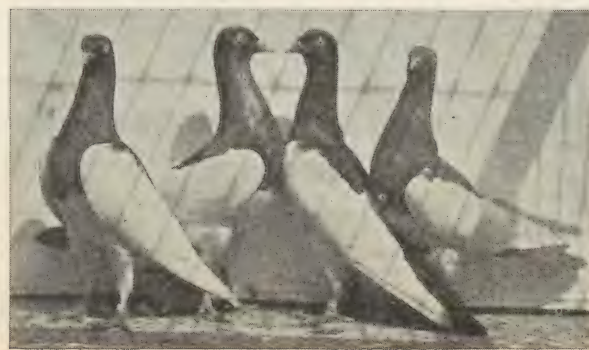
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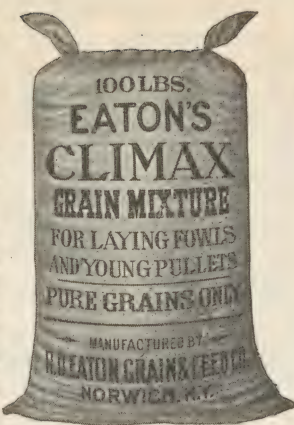
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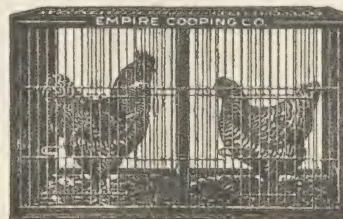
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Forest City, Pa., May 14, 1906.

DATES CLAIMED.

Under this heading there will appear each week a list of all the shows claiming dates for the coming season. Secretaries of poultry, pigeon and pet stock exhibitions will confer a favor by sending in the dates selected as promptly as possible. It is not only a convenience and guide to secretaries of shows that have not selected their dates, but of great interest to readers of The American Fancier, a majority of whom are exhibitors.

July 23-28, Winnipeg, Manitoba. Western Canada's Great Industrial Fair; A. W. Bell, General Manager.

Aug. 21-24, Wellsville, N. Y. A. S. Stillman, Alfred Outer, Supt. Poultry.

Aug. 21-24—Cortlandt, N. Y. Cortlandt County Agricultural Society, W. J. Greenman, Secretary.

August 21-24, Rockville, Md., G. O. Brown, A. E. Warner, Judges; Calvin Hick-Superintendent.

S. 3-6, Taunton, Mass., E. P. Washburn, Pigeon Judge and President.

Sept. 3-7, Columbus, Ohio, T. E. Orr, Judge; W. W. Miller, Secretary.

Sept. 3-8, Orangeburg, N. Y., J. F. Gilchrist, Secretary.

Sept. 11-13, Mercer, Pa. Mercer County Fair and Poultry Show. T. E. Orr, Judge; John P. Orr, Secretary.

Sept. 12, Altomont, Ill., Dr. A. W. Baker, Superintendent.

Sept. 17-21, Riverhead, N. Y., Harry Lee, Secretary.

Sept. 17-22, North Yakima, Wash. State Fair, G. A. Graham, Secretary; Harry H. Collier, Superintendent Poultry.

Sept. 18-21, Allentown, Pa., The Allentown Fair; H. J. Schall, Secretary; W. Theo. Wittman, Supt.

Sept. 24-29, Mineola, N. Y., Robert Seaman, Supt. Poultry.

Sept. 24-29, Spokane, Wash. Inter-State Fair, Robt. H. Cosgrove, Secretary.

Sept. 25-28, Poughkeepsie, N. Y. Dutchess County Agricultural Society, T. C. Van Wyck, Superintendent Poultry.

Sept. 25-29, Spokane, Wash., Robert Cosgrove, Secretary; H. H. Collier, Supt.

Sept. 25-29, Trenton, N. J., Inter-State Fair, T. Farrer Rackham, Newark, N. J., Superintendent Poultry.

Sept. 28-Oct. 5, Springfield, Ill., W. C. Garrad, Secretary.

Sept. 29-Oct. 5, Sedalia, Mo., J. R. Rippey, Secretary.

October 2-5, Chatham, N. Y. Columbia County Agricultural Society, W. A. Dardess, Secretary.

Oct. 2-6, Puyallup, Wash., John Mills, Secretary; Harry H. Collier, Supt.

Oct. 8-13, Nashville, Tenn. Tennessee State Fair Poultry Show, J. Howard Sedd and R. E. Jones, Judges; John A. Murkin, Jr., Supt.

Oct. 9-12, Hagerstown, Md., Geo. O. Brown, J. H. Drevensdt. D. A. Nichols, W. J. Stanton, J. F. Craige, Chas. McClave, W. C. Denny, W. G. Minich, Judges; W. F. Spahr, Secretary, Poultry Department.

Oct. 17-18, Girard, Ill., Heimlich, Judge; H. K. Young, Secretary.

Nov. 12-15, Garnett, Kans., Rhodes, Judge; Hattie A. Weld, Secretary.

Nov. 12-17—Houston, Tex., Hovey S. Fox, Jr., Secretary.

Nov. 12-17, San Jose, Cal. Santa Clara Valley Poultry and Pet Stock Association, E. Van Every, Secretary, Edenvale, Cal.

Nov. 15-17, Wellman, Ia., Shellabarger, Judge; E. J. Coffey, Secretary.

Nov. 16-17, Manhattan, Kans., Chas. E. Smith, Secretary.

Nov. 20-23, Winfield, Ia., Shellabarger, Judge; Russell Canly, Secretary.

Nov. 21-23, West Haven, Conn. D. A. Nichols, D. J. Lambert, W. R. Graves, Judges; E. J. Crawford, Secretary.

Nov. 21-23, New London, Ill., Russell, Judge; F. L. Clanson, Secretary.

Nov. 21-24, Holton, Kans., Rhodes, Judge; T. A. Fairchilds, Secretary.

Nov. 22-24, Englewood, N. J. Lloyd M. Hallenbeck, Judge; Henry Cundell, Supt. Poultry.

Nov. 22-24, Englewood, N. J., N. R. Pendergast, Secretary.

Nov. 26-30, Cedar Rapids, Ia., Shellabarger, Judge; S. G. Smith, Secretary.

Nov. 27-30, Carthage, Mo., Rhodes, Judge; C. A. Emry, Secretary.

Nov. 26, Dec. 1, Dallastown, Pa. York County Fanciers' Association, G. O. Brown, Judge; Jacob Eberly, Sec'y.

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Nov. 28-Dec. 2, Moline, Ill., Shellabarger, Judge.

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Dec. 3-6, Ravenwood, Mo., Russell, Judge; Robt. Larmer, Secretary.

Dec. 3-7, Mason City, Ia., M. V. Bicker, Secretary.

Dec. 3-7, Ellicottville, N. Y., Geo. W. Webb, Judge; William Green, Secretary.

Dec. 3-8, Rolfe, Ia., Heimlich, Judge; Mar. Bruce, Secretary.

Dec. 3-9, San Francisco, Cal. California Poultry Association, J. C. Williams, Secretary, Fruitvale, Cal.

Dec. 4, Youngstown, Ohio, T. E. Orr, Judge; W. H. Crossler, Secretary.

Dec. 4-6, Jackson, Mich., F. W. Travis and S. Butterfield, Judges; C. W. Kroos, Secretary.

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Dec. 4-7, Philmont, N. Y. D. A. Nichols, Judge; G. J. Anderson, Secretary.

Dec. 4-7, Humeston, Ia., Shellabarger, Judge; Geo. King, Secretary.

Dec. 4-7, Mt. Sterling, Ill., Meyers, Judge; Eugene Hambaugh, Secretary.

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Dec. 4-8—Providence, R. I., Rhode Island Poultry Association, W. I. Brown, Secretary, 6 Exchange Place.

Dec. 4-8, Anardarko, Oklahoma Territory, Fite, Judge; Plaff, Secretary.

Dec. 5-8, Grand Rapids, Wis. Grand Rapids Poultry Association; B. G. Eggert, Secretary; Frank Heck, Judge.

Dec. 5-8, Paterson, N. J. Paterson Poultry, Pigeon and Pet Stock Association; Charles Frost, Secretary.

Dec. 5-8, Danbury, Conn. Western Connecticut Poultry Association, Charles H. Brundage, Secretary; Judges, J. H. Drevensdt., T. F. McGrew, Hon. David Nichols and W. H. Card.

Dec. 5-8, Ellensburg, Wash., Harry H. Collier, Judge; Mrs. S. F. Montgomery, Secretary.

Dec. 5-10, Birmingham, Ala., McClave, Sites, Judges; Klynn Ballard, Secretary.

Dec. 6-8, Villisca, Ia., Russell, Judge; F. M. Childs, Secretary.

Dec. 6-8, Fulton, Mo., Rhodes, Judge; D. W. Whanger, Secretary.

Dec. 6-9—Danbury, Conn., C. H. Brundage, Secretary.

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Dec. 10-14, Sheboygan, Wis., James Tucker, Judge; E. C. Kuehlmann, Sec'y.

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Dec. 10-15, Warren, Ill., Heimlich, Judge; B. L. Wright, Secretary.

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Dec. 11-14, Lewistown, Mo. Lewistown Poultry Association; A. O. Brooking, Secretary, La Belle, Mo.; Frank Heck, Judge.

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Dec. 12-14—Kingston, N. Y., F. E. Miller, Secretary, Rifton, N. Y.

Dec. 12-15—Corsicana, Tex., W. E. Elliott, Secretary, Box 281.

Dec. 12-15, Fresno, Cal. Fresno Poultry, Pigeon and Pet Stock Association, George R. Andrews, Secretary.

Dec. 12-15, Stoughton, Wis. Stoughton Poultry Association; Sylvanus Ames, Secretary; Frank Heck, Judge.

Dec. 12-15, St. Mary's, Ohio. Wick Hathaway, Judge; F. F. Aschbacher, Secretary.

Dec. 14-19, Charleston, S. C. G. O. Brown and F. J. Marshall, Judges; T. J. McCarty, Secretary.

Dec. 17-20, Clarinda, Ia., Rhodes, Judge; John Lagerquisk, Secretary.

Dec. 17-21, Mound City, Mo., Russell, Judge; W. H. Weightman, Secretary.

Dec. 17-21, Pierce City, Mo., Emry, Judge; Thomas Carlin, Secretary.

Dec. 17-22, North Yakima, Wash., W. C. Denny, Judge; S. H. Schreiner, Secretary.

Dec. 17-22, Sullivan, Ill., Lane, Judge; D. W. Duncan, Secretary.

Dec. 18, McConnellsville, Ohio, T. E. Orr, Judge; G. M. Foster, Secretary.

Dec. 18-21, Geneva, Ohio. R. H. Munger, Secretary.

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Dec. 18-22, Ponce City, Oklahoma Ter., Fite, Judge; Flem. Smith, Secretary.

Dec. 19-21, Rutherford, N. J., E. J. Irwin, Secretary.

Dec. 19-22, Holland, Mich. Holland Poultry and Pet Stock Association; L. S. Sprietsma, Secretary; Frank Heck, Judge.

Dec. 19-22, Mohnsville, Pa. Wyomissing Poultry Association; George W. Hatt, Secretary, Mohn's Store, Pa.; Charles T. Cornman, Judge.

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Dec. 20-22, Wenatchee, Wash., Harry H. Collier, Judge; John N. Johnson, Secretary.

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Dec. 24-28, Walden, N. Y. D. A. Nichols, Judge; Chas. A. Dawson, Sec'y.

Dec. 24-26, Elgin, Ill., Shellabarger, Judge; M. E. Meredith, Secretary.

Dec. 24-26, Forrest, Ill., Heimlich, Judge; C. C. Johnson, Secretary.

Dec. 24-29, Oakland, Ill., Lane, Judge; O. L. Minter, Secretary.

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Jan. 15-18, Port Huron, Mich., Robt. Taylor, Secretary.

NEW YORK MARKET.

(Journal of Commerce Report, July 12.)

EGGS.—Receipts 11,243 cases. The market maintains a generally firm tone, with the tendency in sellers' favor on prime to fancy goods. There is a better clearance than heretofore, although the receipts hold up about on the previous scale. Fancy nearby goods are held on a little higher basis; quotations represent as nearly as possible the wholesale values, while peddling sales of single cases are reported at some advance over these prices. Most of the Western receipts are selling in range of 16½ @ 18½c; fewer goods are selling below this range than heretofore. Ditties and checks steady for strictly prime goods, but the trade is only moderate.

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State, Pa., & near-by, select-

ed, white, good to

choice..... 22 @ 25

State, Pa., & near-by, white,

ordinary to good..... 19 @ 21

State, Pa., and near-by,

mixed colors, extras.. 21 @ 22

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mixed, extra-firsts..... 19 @ 20

State, Pa., & near-by,

firsts..... 17½ @ 18

Western, selected, finest.. 18 @ 18½

Western, firsts..... 17 @ 17½

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Western, thirds..... 15 @ 15½

Kentucky, fresh gathered... 15 @ 16½

Ditties, per dozen..... 12 @ 14

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advices indicating only about 35 to 36

cars to arrive during the week the market

developed a stronger feeling on fowls and

prices were advanced to 15c. Spring

chickens not so plenty in the receipts as

expected and prices steadily held. Tur-

keys and lower. Other live poultry un-

changed.

Spring Chickens, per lb.... @ 22

Fowls, per lb..... @ 15

Roosters, per lb..... @ 9

Turkeys, per lb..... @ 10

Spring Ducks, Long Island,

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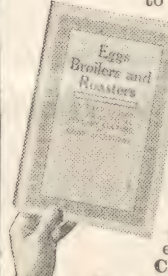


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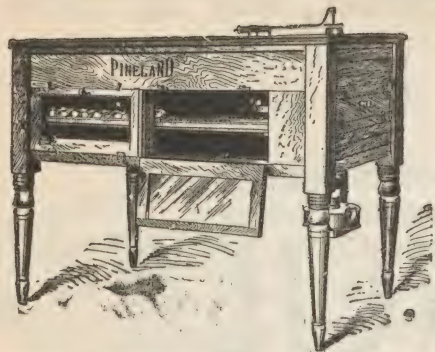
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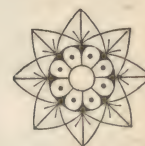
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Incubators and Incubation



By James L. Nix, Homer City, Pa.

(Continued from July 21st Issue.)

Q. No danger of crippling them?

A. Cripples in the incubator are caused by too much heat.

Q. In what way?

A. I do not know the real cause of it. Of course cripples can be caused by improper condition of the breeding stock. The majority of cripples are caused by hot places in the incubator. That is one reason why certain incubators have a majority of cripples.

Q. What would you think if the temperature went so high that you could hardly believe it, and then you made a hatch without a cripple?

A. I do not know how that would be.

Q. Do you think there would be a danger of cripples being caused by delay in coming out of the shells?

A. Yes, crooked toes and legs can be caused by that. A chicken that remains in the egg 22 or 23 days usually has crooked toes and legs.

Q. Do you think that malformation can be caused by turning the eggs?

A. Yes, I think that might cause it.

Q. What do you think about the turning rack in the machine?

A. I have used a turning rack and secured very good results. I believe the best egg tray is a perfectly flat one without any slats or anything. We used a flop over tray a good many years ago. I think you lose 5 per cent. with a flop over tray, and with a slat automatic tray you lose 10 per cent. With a slat tray or any kind of automatic tray, occasionally an egg will not turn and they invariably leave a few eggs in the wrong position and when they are left in that way the embryo gets a wrong presentation, turned in the shell, and when they hatch they try to get out at the little end, in which position it is a great deal more difficult for them to get out.

Q. Do you think it is best to always keep the large end of the egg up?

A. I think the theoretical position of an egg is the position it assumes on a flat surface, and the nearer you get to that position the better.

Q. Have you had much experience with working with the little ends and the big ends.

A. No.

Mr. Graham: I have tried three or four hatches and they have always come best on the flat.

Q. How did you like the electric regulator they had in New York?

A. It is all right as long as it works. Electric regulators were used by incubator manufacturers with but few exceptions some 25 years ago. There never was and never will be a regu-



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lator made that is perfect. If you use a mercury thermostat a sediment will form a little ark in the top tube, and in the mercury tubes with platinum points the current will not flow. If you use a mechanical thermostat they will often come together, and no current will pass if there happens to be a little jar in the room. Take the electric regulator, if there some motion and jar in the room they will work fairly well, but if you put them in a perfectly still place there is always danger of the points touching and the current not passing. I only sold one incubator with an electric regulator, and I stopped it because I spent half my time on the road between the incubator and my place of business.

Mr. Hunter: They have a new method in Ohio, a round incubator.

Mr. Nix: A round incubator is all right. They claim it has a more uniform heat than the square one, but

that is not carried out by actual practice, because you still have the hot centre and cold sides to contend with, and it is just as difficult to get a uniform heat as in the oblong incubator. In these round incubators they have loose pieces of felt you can take out according to the weather.

Mr. Hunter: Dr. Nottage uses that incubator, but he also believes in fresh air. Hishouses are open to fresh air, and his farm is on the Berkshire hills. Theoretically, the best location for an incubator is a well ventilated cellar; the only problem connected with it is ventilation.

Prof Graham: Why not make an incubator that will operate out of doors?

Mr. Nix: I operated incubators in the cellar last year and some out of doors. The first thing in operating an incubator is to see that you have an even temperature. I believe incubator

operators do not use thermometers enough. I never operate a machine with less than four thermometers, and I keep one at the front of the tray and one at the back. You should explore the egg chamber all over before you put your eggs in, and see if there are not any hot places in it; and when you find a hot place you want to get rid of it. If you have a hot back or hot front just tilt the machine a little bit and it will even it up.

Mr. Graham: Suppose it is hot in the centre?

Mr. Nix: When you find the warmest place always keep the thermometer there, and then you are always sure of your temperature. You never injure your eggs until the thermometer rises over 106 degrees. There is a great deal of discussion as to the proper heat for incubation.

Q. You mean 160 degrees on top of the eggs?

A. Yes, some manufacturers advocate a temperature of 107 degrees. I have always used the contact method for a thermometer. Other people use the hang up method. There are three methods: the hang up, the contact with the egg, and then having the bulb in contact with two or three eggs. I believe the best plan is to place the thermometer between the eggs. In operating an incubator, if you only have one thermometer in the machine, do not adjust your regulator until you have put your thermometer on another egg, because the heat in eggs varies.

With regard to turning the eggs, I believe the best method, and one that gives the best results, is what is known as the shuxe method of turning. Shuxing the eggs, I am inclined to believe, with a little exercise in the growing germ, is beneficial to the hatch. The old hen rolls the eggs around in the nest considerably. You only have to lift a few eggs, and then take your fingers and mix the eggs and make a general mix-up. It is not essential that you should turn the egg exactly half over or any particular amount; don't pay any attention to that. Turn them promiscuously, and if you mix them up sufficiently the eggs will be changed.

Some incubator manufacturers do not cool and do not recommend it. I think that is influenced a little bit by the temperature. If you run the incubator at a low temperature you should not cool very much, but if you run it at a high temperature cooling must be practiced. I believe better results are obtained by running at a high temperature and cooling considerably. My method of cooling is by the sense of touch and feeling. I do not

believe in cooling five minutes or ten minutes or fifteen.

Mr. Graham: Do you cool by the thermometer test?

Mr. Nix: No, I do not believe in that. I believe the best method in cooling is the cooling table, and when you are cooling do not allow the tray to over-hang the table, because if you do the cool air will come up through the eggs and cause a draft. It is not necessary to cool very much the first five days. I would simply turn the eggs, and at the end of the first week commence to cool. I put the palm of my hand on the eggs, and if they feel cool I put them back in the machine. By laying your hand on the egg you can tell whether it feels warm or not. I think the incubator operator should go quite a good deal by his physical senses. Use your nose every time you go to the incubator, smell the air in the incubator and you can tell the condition of the eggs by the sense of smell. The time required to cool will vary with the outside temperature.

Mr. Graham: Do you keep the machine door closed when you are cooling?

Mr. Nix: Yes, because when you leave the door open the machine cools down too fast, and then it will take too long to heat it up.

Q. You do not advise opening the machine and letting the eggs cool off in the machine?

A. No, I do not. I believe in the cooling table. A great many operators cool inside of the machine, but they do most of their hatching in hot weather.

Q. Do you turn the tray before putting it back?

A. Yes, end for end and side for side.

Q. What conclusion do you come to after shuffling the eggs around like that?

A. You will find in the general mix-up you will get a more uniform development, and it seldom happens that the eggs will be in the same position.

Q. How about hatching duck eggs?

A. I would start them at 101 degrees and let the temperature come up very slowly. Ten hours or more to 101 degrees. If by twenty-four hours the temperature is not up to 101 degrees readjust the regulator. I would start the duck at a temperature of 101 degrees, and run it that way for the first four or five days, and then let it gradually come up to 102 degrees, and then 102 degrees, until the time of exclusion comes, and then allow it to go up to 104 degrees and 105 degrees.

Q. Would you use any moisture in these machines?

A. We certainly would.

Q. A lot or a little?

A. I would fill the moisture pan with water for ducks eggs.

Q. For these open bottom machines would you have moisture for the hen's eggs?

A. Yes, but I do not think that it would make much difference.

Q. Why is a duck egg so hard to hatch?

A. I do not know.

Mr. Graham: I could hatch duck eggs in the east, and when I brought the same machine up here, I could not hatch them so well.

Mr. Hunter: There is a difference in the altitude and the sea air.

The Chairman: Don't you think the humidity of the incubator room ought

to be considered?

A. I should think so. These incubators were operated on the Sound. His incubator room has a dirt floor and he dampens it with water. He keeps his floor in a slop.

Q. Does he spray his eggs with an atomizer?

A. Yes. The Curtiss boys and the Long Island people start at 103 degrees, and run at 103 degrees right straight through; at least they told me they did. There are three methods of applying water to a duck egg. One with the atomizer, and another is to take an ordinary brush about three or four inches, dip it in warm water, and shake it all you can, and then wipe the eggs all over with the brush. You do not turn the eggs. You practically cover three fourths thoroughly with the brush and when you strike the egg with the brush you can see a steam rise. Another method is to use a wet cloth. This is the Moss method. Originally they took cloths, dipped them in water, and then they were spread over the eggs, and the eggs were pushed back into the machine, and the cloth allowed to dry on the eggs, but they found they secured just as good results by leaving the cloth on 15 or 20 minutes, and then removing it. If you use the brush and you find drops of water on the eggs, take the palm of your hand and remove them. Drops of water drying on the eggs are injurious.

Q. Did you ever try that with hen's eggs?

A. I never have.

Q. A great many people believe if you take the eggs out and dip them in hot water it is beneficial. A lady told me she took the eggs out and put them in hot water, so hot that she could hardly bear her hands in it; it was at a temperature of 125 degrees.

The Chairman: I should say that would be 110 degrees.

A. She dipped these eggs in the water and she put them back, and she said she secured wonderful hatches.

Q. Do you do this brushing right from the start?

A. No, after four or five days.

Q. Can you hatch goose eggs in an incubator?

A. Yes; they are making special machines for doing that, and they have secured excellent results at Allantown.

Q. What breed were they?

A. They were geese, and that is all I know.

Q. What is the temperature of the water that you apply with a brush?

A. A temperature of 106 degrees.

Q. What is the idea of making a duck machine bigger than a hen machine?

A. That is to give them a little more room to move around, a little more space for the eggs; that is all. Let them travel around. And I think it is an advantage to have a little more air space in the machine.

Q. Is there an advantage or a disadvantage in having a light in the egg chamber?

A. That is a point I cannot speak on. I never allow a direct sunlight to strike the egg, because it will kill the germ.

Q. Would you turn duck eggs the same as hen's eggs and just as often?

A. Yes.

Q. How would you build an incubator cellar for twenty machines?

A. I believe in incubator cellars, but I think we get them too deep in

the ground. The ideal incubator cellar would be on the side of a hill, where the floor would run on a level with the ground.

Q. How would you ventilate an incubator room at this season of the year?

A. I would open the transom sashes.

Q. Would the top draft of the furnace draw it out if you left the furnace door open?

A. I think it would. I have seen incubator rooms with an open fireplace.

Q. Would not that be a good idea?

A. I think it would be an elegant idea, and Mr. Smith's incubator room at Hanover, Mass., has an open fireplace, and others operate machines in cellars ventilated in the same way.

A Member: The condition we have here is that they do not absorb the yolk?

A. I think that is caused by retarded development. The tendency of the growing germ is to hatch in twenty-one days, and if the air conditions are improper the noxious gases are present and they slow down the vital forces.

Q. In getting eggs for incubation do you believe in turning them?

A. Not necessarily; but it is injurious to pack eggs in musty bran or grain.

Q. What length of time can eggs be kept for incubation purposes?

A. I have kept them four weeks, and had them hatch all right.

Q. Do you mean as well as if they were set the first week?

A. No, because they came from the open range stock out doors. With strong vitality their eggs will keep a great deal longer than where the hens are confined.

Q. What do you call a good average hatch?

A. I am not satisfied with a hatch unless I get 65 chickens from every hundred eggs I put in. I think one of the most important things we have in the poultry business is the two hundred egg hen and greater vitality in our poultry.

NEW YORK MARKET.

(Journal of Commerce Report, July 26.)
EGGS.—Receipts 12,123 cases. The market opens with a very good clearance of previous receipts and a decidedly firm tone for all strictly choice qualities. The receipts, however, consist largely of medium and lower grades and of these the supply is fully equal to all demands. Prices show a wide range, according to the quality of the stock. Most sales of Western receipts are in range of 16@18½c, but we hear of occasional lots of superlative quality for which a little higher is obtainable. Dirties and checks are moving rather slowly unless closely candled and of exceptionally fine quality; occasional sales of such are reported at a slight premium.

State, Pa., & nearby, selected, white, fcy.....	.. @ 24
State, Pa., & near-by, selected, white, good to choice.....	22 @ 23
State, Pa., & near-by, white, ordinary to good.....	19 @ 21
State, Pa., & near-by, mixed colors, extras.....	.. @ 22
State, Pa., & near-by, mixed, extra-firsts.....	19 @ 20
State, Pa., & near-by, firsts.....	18 @ 18½
Western, selected, finest.....	18½ @ 19
Western, firsts.....	17½ @ 18
Western, seconds.....	16 @ 17
Western, thirds.....	15 @ 15½
Kentucky, fresh gathered.....	15 @ 16
Dirties, per dozen.....	12 @ 14
Checks, per dozen.....	9 @ 12

The official quotation of the New York Mercantile Exchange is 17½@18c for Western firsts.

LIVE POULTRY.—Receipts to-day two cars Western and one car Southwestern by freight and about one car by express. Reported supplies for the week foot up close to 45 carloads by freight and the feeling is a shade weaker, especially on fowls, but prices not definitely settled at a late hour.

Spring chickens, Western, lb.....	.. @ 17
Spring chickens, Southern and Southwestern.....	.. @ 17
Fowls, per lb.....	.. @ 13½
Roosters, per lb.....	.. @ 9
Turkeys, per lb.....	.. @ 10
Spring Ducks, Long Island, per lb.....	.. @ 14
Ducks—Western, old, per pair.....	70 @ 80
Southern, old, per pair.....	.. @ 45
Spring Ducks, Southern, per pair.....	.. @ 30
Geese, per pair.....	90 @ 1 50
Live Pigeons, per pair.....	.. @ 25

DRESSED POULTRY.—Fresh receipts of fowls and spring chickens continue light though invoices of chickens are a little larger for later in the week. While demand for chickens is not active, more are wanted than here, and prices held quite firmly. Fowls steady and selling slowly. Fresh turkeys slow. Old roosters steady. Nearby broilers, spring ducks and squabs nominally unchanged.

FRESH KILLED.

Turkeys—average lots.....	.. @ 1
Poor to medium.....	11 @ 1
Spring Chickens—4 lbs per pair and under—	
Philadelphia, dry-picked, fancy.....	27 @ 28
Philadelphia, dry-picked, average run.....	24 @ 25
N. Y. & Pa., dry-picked, fancy.....	24 @ 25
N. Y. & Pa., dry-picked, average run.....	20 @ 22
Western, dry-picked, fancy.....	22 @ 23
Western, dry-picked, average.....	19 @ 21
Western, scalded, fancy.....	21 @ 22
Western, scalded, av'ge.....	18 @ 20
Southern & Southwestern, average.....	17 @ 19
Poor.....	12 @ 15

Fowls—

Philadelphia, dry-picked, fancy.....	.. @ 14½
Philadelphia, dry-picked, average run.....	.. @ 14
Western, dry-picked, selected, bbls.....	.. @ 14
Western, dry-picked, average run.....	.. @ 13½
Western, dry-picked, poor to med.....	11 @ 13
Southern & Southwestern, dry-picked, selected bbls.....	13½ @ 14
Western, scalded, selected bbls.....	.. @ 14
Western, scalded, average run.....	.. @ 13½
Western, scalded, poor to medium.....	11 @ 13
Southern & Southwestern, scalded, selected bbls.....	13½ @ 14

Other Poultry—

Old cocks, dry-picked.....	.. @ 8½
Old cocks, scalded.....	.. @ 8½
Ducklings, Long Island & Eastern.....	12 @ 12½
Ducklings, other near-by.....	.. @ 12
Geese, spring, Eastern, white.....	.. @ 18
Squabs, prime white, 8 lbs to doz, per dozen.....	.. @ 3 00
Squabs, prime white, 7 lbs to doz, per dozen.....	.. @ 2 00
Squabs, mixed, per doz.....	25 @ 1 50
Squabs, dark, per doz.....	25 @ 1 37
Squabs, culls, per doz.....	50 @ 60

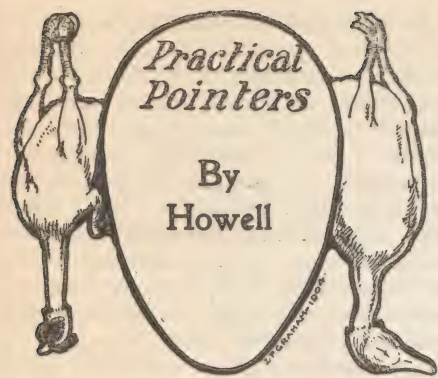
FROZEN.

Turkeys—Hens, No. 1.....	18 @ 19
Toms, No. 1.....	.. @ 19
Toms, No. 2.....	12 @ 14
Old Toms, No. 1.....	17½ @ 18
Capons—Western, 8 lbs and over, each.....	.. @ 19
Western, under 8 lbs each.....	17 @ 18
Broilers—	
Milk-fed, dry-picked, 4 lbs and under to pair.....	18 @ 20
Milk-fed, dry-picked, over 4 lbs to pair.....	15 @ 16
Dry-picked, 4 lbs and under to pair, No. 1.....	16 @ 1
Dry-picked, over 4 lbs to pair.....	12½ @ 13
Scalded, 4 lbs and under to pair, No. 1.....	15 @ 16
No. 2.....	10 @ 11
Roasting Chickens—	
Milk-fed, dry-picked, fcy.....	16 @ 17
Fancy, soft meat.....	.. @ 15
Average, No. 1.....	12 @ 14
Chickens—No. 2.....	8 @ 10
Fowls—No. 1.....	12½ @ 13
No. 2.....	8 @ 10
Ducks—No. 1.....	.. @ 12
No. 2.....	10 @ 11
Geese—No. 1.....	10 @ 11
No. 2.....	8 @ 9

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The chief asset of a fancier is his ability to raise stock good enough to win with.

There is no greater pleasure that could possibly come to him, than the knowledge that he possesses the very essence of perfection in the art of breeding.

How are the many famous winners produced? In most cases no one knows but the breeder, who doesn't tell.

To illustrate, a breeder may have a strain weak in a certain section, he selects those who show the defect the least and mates them with a bird very strong in this section.

Do not imagine his work is completed; it is only begun; the offspring may show no improvement, but he persists and again mates as before the result being more gratifying. It is because prize winners are not as plentiful as the fraternity wishes, that of shipping poultry hatched eggs from makes them valuable.

Some complains are being made of chicks going light, in plain words consumption. The principal causes are weak parent stock, too close confinement during and prior to the breeding season, and careless rearing of the chicks. Once they begin to go down hill, it is a mercy and a source of profit to end their days.

When a chick stands around asleep while his brethren is out hustling for one locality to another.

the festive bug, it is a safe conclusion his days are numbered.

The rural New Yorker has been gathering expert opinions on the idea

Nothing easier for distances of from twelve to twenty-four hours duration.

In exhibiting incubators at a show, the eggs are ready to hatch have to be transported outside of the machine and you will note not many eggs fail to hatch.

You have all heard the story of the Missouri man starting out with a in load of eggs and reaching his destination with a train load of chickens. I had a nest in which a hen had stolen away and laid a dozen eggs, overturned by the cattle, and the eggs rolled out on the ground, for a length of time approaching two days, the old hen sat perched on her overturned box. I noticed her feeding regularly with the flock so when happening that way investigated the matter. Of the twelve eggs three were cracked by the fall; after righting matters the old girl resumed business and hatched eight chicks from the nine remaining.

This circumstance happened but a year since and is no ghost story. In the brood was a cockerel that could be called a perfect Blue Pyle Leghorn, every section that in an ordinary Pyle is white, in this bird was blue, even sickle feathers did not show a trace of white.

I kept him through the winter along

with the mates of my other breeds but lack of quarters to experiment with caused me to sacrifice him.

Geo E Howell

A GERMAN POULTRY SCHOOL.
By "Traveler," in Feathered Life, England.

Some interesting particulars have recently been published in a consular report concerning the poultry industry of Germany, and amongst the items there is a description of a poultry-rearing school at Neuss, near Dusseldorf. It appears that in this district there is a subsidised poultry-rearing school, which not only gives instruction, but also runs a poultry farm, and makes experiments as to the practical value of various breeds to the farmers. It tests the value of the breeds for laying purposes by use of the well-known trap-nests, registering the number of eggs laid by each hen. The experiments of this establishment seem to point to the white Wyandotte as the best egg producer; in consequence this breed has become immensely popular. Experiments have also been made to prevent hens becoming broody and stopping to lay. The results show that if broodiness can be stopped at the outset the hen will speedily commence laying again. Some hens will stop laying for eight to ten days, others for fourteen to eighteen days when reduced to a minimum. By reducing the number of broody days the sum total of eggs was largely increased.

The experiment in rearing hens only from good laying strains has proved of great value. The laying property is one that can be bred and inherited by breeding from good layers, who do not get broody. Experiments on an extensive scale have been made to establish the comparative laying properties of the Wyandottes and Italian breeds. In one case twenty-two Wyandotte hens were matched against twenty-two Italian hens, treated exactly the same way for twelve months, with the following results: The Wyandottes produced 2,610 eggs in twelve months; the Italians produced 2,196 eggs in the twelve months. This leaves the former variety with a majority of 414 eggs.

As a rule, the net profit in cash depends as to when and in what month of the year the most eggs are laid. The value of the eggs was registered every month. The Wyandotte eggs realized £11 8s., and Italian eggs £8 15s. The average weight of the Wyandotte eggs amounted to 60½ grammes, the Italian to 57 grammes. The 2,610 Wyandotte eggs weighed about 20 lbs. more than 2,196 Italian eggs. The average price per kilo amounted to about 1s. 6d. The 9,185 kilos, therefore, brought 13s. 9d. more in the case of the Italian eggs. The Wyandotte eggs realized a net surplus of £2 13s., plus 13s. 9d., or together £3 6s. 9d.; that is, 3s. per hen. The poultry school encourages laying in the winter months, when eggs are necessarily expensive. The poultry farm rears the best laying breeds, and sells the eggs of such hens to the farmers. Extensive experiments are also made with incubators to test their respective values; how much they vary is proved by the percentage of eggs hatched on a large average; this percentage varies from 60 to 87 per cent.

Experiments as to the room and size of runs for hens point to the fact that the larger and healthier the hens' runs

the better the eggs are fertilized; eggs laid by hens kept in very small runs are badly fertilized, or only partially so. As a rule, the larger the run the more eggs are laid and the better they are fertilized; the young stock do better the larger the run. With incubators all depends on the eggs being properly fertilized, the quality of the eggs, and proper handling during the process of hatching. A large number of rearing apparatuses are tested every year. The results of these experiments proved that rearing apparatuses can be used profitably indoors during the winter, but from May onwards they must only be used in the open; a combination of rearing chickens in artificial apparatuses at first, and then giving two or three week old chickens to hens to run them in the fresh air, proved the most successful method. Experiments were made regarding the possibility of rearing cock or hen birds and it was proved that by pairing young cocks with old hens more cock chickens were reared.

At the present moment trials are being conducted as to what breeds assimilate their food best, and give the best returns for the money spent. The results of these experiments are not available yet, but will shortly be published. Experiments were made as to housing poultry, and it was shown that a building let into the ground one yard deep, with a roof covered with sods, afforded warmth in winter, coolness in summer, and health and cheapness; it was, therefore, within easy reach of the man with the most modest means at his disposal. A large number of model poultry buildings have been put up, varying in expense. These were inspected by a large number of prospective poultry-keepers. At the last sale the poultry school sold 155 cocks and 465 hens for breeding purposes, all birds of an excellent pedigree.

HE PUTS GEESE TO ROOST.

"Don't talk agriculture to a farmer" was Daniel Webster's advice to a friend. "Discuss any other subject with him—art, literature, political economy, finance—but never farming, for if you once launch forth on that he will find you at fault in some particular and conclude that ignorant in one thing you are ignorant in all."

This advice was recalled by a gentleman of this city recently upon hearing of the experiences of an amateur farmer, a friend of his, who, after a long and active career in which he had achieved fame and fortune, relinquished an extensive practice of law for bucolic superintendence over an estate not a hundred miles from New York.

Shortly after he assumed the management of his farm the lawyer received a visit from one of his neighbors, a shrewd old farmer, who had never been a hundred miles away from his home. Various matters were discussed as together they walked about the farmyard inspecting the new windmill, improved water troughs, cattle sheds and other "new fangled fixings."

Naturally the amateur betrayed his gross ignorance to his more practical and experienced companion. The latter was something of a wit, and at last in visiting the poultry yard ventured a suggestion. "This is all very fine," he said as he glanced about, "but where do your ducks and geese roost at night?"

"I never thought of that," replied the amateur. "I've seen them 'squat-

ting' around at night and thought they liked that. I'll have it attended to at once. Low roosts, I suppose, would be the best?"

The farmer thought they would. "Place them about two feet from the ground," he remarked, and then, smiling in his sleeves, unhitched his old mare and drove away home.

Not a moment was lost by the former New Yorker. He erected his duck roosts, and at night fall visited his poultry yard to observe how the fowls enjoyed the innovation. To his chagrin they appeared to ignore the roosting place and were squatting as before on the ground.

"Poor things, I've neglected them too long," thought the humane amateur. "They don't realize the change." With that he began to grab at ducks and drakes and geese and ganders and deposit them one by one on the roost. There was a terrible commotion among the fowls, which attracted all the farm hands with shotguns to the poultry yard.

When they arrived there they saw their employer, perspiring and red in the face, trying to balance the web footed creatures on the roost, from which they fell with terrible "quack, quacks," the moment his back was turned. It was not long before the truth dawned upon him that ducks and geese were intended by nature to "squat," not to roost.

He returned to his house deeply ashamed of his ignorance and speedily became the laughing stock of the country around. The illustration of Webster's advice came in the form of an entire disregard thereafter of any opinions expressed by the man. In New York his utterances had been regarded as words of wisdom, upon no matter what subject expressed, but in the country they were greeted with: "Oh, pshaw, he don't know nothin'. He puts geese to roost."

Few mothers have triumphed over more difficulties in the rearing of their families than Nellie, a little brown hen whose home is in a box on the bank of the Chicago river, near North avenue. Besides the perils of steam and street cars, of heavy traffic and deep ditches, Nellie has been forced, literally, to fight for the protection of her brood ever since she brought the little ones into the world three weeks ago. In that time she has killed 20 sparrows, members of a colony seemingly entered into a pact to destroy her offspring. The birds have killed four of Nellie's chicks, half of her family.

War was declared between Nellie and the sparrows the morning the little hen proudly came from her nest with her eight tiny chicks. The trouble started over a dish of cornmeal provided by a bridge tender for the hen and chickens. The sparrows wanted the meal and to get it made a concerted attack on the hen and chicks. Nellie killed four sparrows in the first battle, while the birds took the lives of two little chickens.

The scrimmage ended with the sparrows in flight, but a guerilla warfare has followed. The sparrows have succeeded only twice in their efforts to isolate Nellie's young ones, but on those occasions quickly beat the little chicks to death with their wings and bills. The chickens have now reached and age to be able to fight back when attacked and the sparrows are giving up the fight.—Chicago News.



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The illustration on page 3 is a life-like reproduction from a photograph taken by our artist, J. Albert Lewis, of Mr. Hodges' well-known Red Pyle Game Bantam Cock, a bird remarkable in color and style. Mr. Lewis accomplished a remarkable feat in getting a good pose and picture of this bird, as the latter was anything but tractable or inclined to show up. The patience and skill exhibited by the photographer in securing such flattering results are shown in this picture. Breeders of Game Bantams can at least gaze upon this picture without feeling a suspicion of its being faked. It represents the bird as he looked the day the photograph was taken.

Fred Harries, Superintendent of Poultry at the Westchester County Fair, to be held September 17 to 23, at White Plains, New York, called at the American Fancier office one day this week, and informed us arrangements for a strictly high-grade poultry show have been perfected. Premiums will be very liberal, and the entry fee of one dollar per bird will have a tendency to bring the cream of featherdom together. A fine list of specials are being gathered, and will be announced in the columns of the American Fancier. J. H. Drevenstedt will judge the poultry, and W. J. Stanton the pigeons.

A little rape seed fed twice a week to moulting fowls will help the latter grow the new clothes. Small heads of cabbage are also extremely likable propositions in moulting time. It is the green food par excellence for fowl in confinement at this season of the year.

The famous "Buff Cranks," Andrew Riddell, and W. C. Denny, have been added to the list of Judges at the "Big Auburn Show," to be held January, 1907.

The York County Fanciers' Association will hold their next show Thanksgiving week, November 26 to December 1, at Dallastown, Pa. The veteran judge, G. O. Brown, will place the ribbons in his most happy and effective style. Mr. Jacob Eberly is the efficient and hustling Secretary of one of the best poultry organizations in the Keystone State.

We were pleased to read a letter, a few years ago, from one of the oldest and best judges of poultry, and were surprised to learn that he was a strong advocate of comparison simply because he believed the score card to offer too safe a subterfuge for fraud. As he correctly stated: "What can an exhibitor do when a judge scores another's bird a quarter or a half a point higher in one section simply because he wishes the bird to win?"

We have seen this very thing done in the show room. Two cockerels of equal merit with combs not unlike and varying, perhaps, a half a point, yet the judge cut one comb one and one half, and the other three points. The exhibitors present, without exception, failed to understand the modus operandi that gave the bird one and one half points advantage in just one section. But both birds were so good that one must be beaten—and he was.

The American Fancier protests against the abuse comparison is receiving, especially when such charges as "fraud can be more readily practiced in comparison judging" are foisted on the unsuspecting public. If fraud is intended, the score card is a very safe medium for its consummation.

We do not believe, however, that the day will come when a poultry show passes without the charge of fraud being made, whether judging by comparison or scoring. Societies can do much to prevent dishonesty on the part of the exhibitors and judges, but as long as the loose methods prevailing in some of our show rooms exist the cry of the fraud will not cease. In our opinion all judging should be done before the visitors are allowed on the premises, and no exhibitor should be allowed near the judges while at work.

Another rule that should be strictly enforced is that no exhibitor has the right to yank out birds from coops not his own. At one show, we saw an exhibitor coolly pull out the birds from his rival's coops, and condemn them in unmeasured terms, and at the same time by word and deed try to influence visitors and judges in favor of his own unapproachable (?) stock. Such actions should debar an exhibitor from the show room.

The tendency of our wealthy citizens to create suburban homes, naturally brings a desire to possess thoroughbred live stock. Cattle and dogs have made great gains in this respect, but poultry is still a little behind, and the mission of all true fanciers and the poultry press is to encourage the breeding of the choicest fowls and to support the poultry shows.

There should be more available men to manage poultry farms. It is true, we have plenty of capable fanciers, but their modesty or reluctance prevents their securing good situations that are often filled by incapable and dishonest gentlemen fanciers.

A correspondent in an English paper recommends giving the heavier breeds of fowls a tablespoonful of Epsom salts to every fifteen birds once a week during the summer months. He says it makes birds more active, less broody and better layers. We have no doubt about the activity being promoted, but as to the birds being less broody and laying better, we are inclined to disagree. Far better give the birds an unlimited grass range, and there will be no need of resorting to salts in order to assist (?) fowls as above mentioned.

A true fancier will find as much delight in a fine bird belonging to a rival as if it were his own. The utterly small and mean habit practiced by some exhibitors and writers in belittling the stock of others for personal and selfish motives is characteristic of a small mind and lack of sense. Some writers are afraid of mentioning a fellow breeder's name for fear it may spoil their own exalted reputation or lose them a dollar. The fancy poultry business is not entirely dependent on the almighty dollar. If it were, the high standard of our thoroughbred fowls would rapidly decrease.

In a Belgian exchange, we read an interesting account of the chicken ovens or furnaces of Egypt. In the Mondirich de Sohag alone, not less than seventy of these ovens exist. An ordinary oven measures twenty-five to twenty-six metres in length by seven or eight metres in width; when well filled it contains thirty to forty thousand eggs. These eggs are hatched by heat derived from a compartment over the eggs, in which a fire has been started. The fuel used is cow manure. This certainly beats anything for economy we have heard of in a long time. This fire is kept up one hour in the morning and evening so as to keep the heat up to thirty-five degrees Centigrade.

As thirty-five degrees of Centigrade is only ninety-six of Fahrenheit, the temperature seems very low, but our contemporary has it as correct, so we cannot question the figures. The eggs are turned during this time, but we are assured that the operators of these ovens are so expert that they do not need a thermometer, which may account somewhat for the low temperature given above. It reminds us of the man who always hatched eggs at ninety-five degrees, but found his thermometer on investigation to be six or seven degrees too low.

Four-fifth of the eggs are calculated to hatch, which is certainly a nice average. These eggs are hatched on equal shares, one half the chicks going to the hatchery and the other half to those who furnish the eggs. The yolks of the eggs that have failed to hatch are fed to the chicks.

Each furnace or oven is filled six times and furnishes on an average of 250,000 chicks per annum. It is stated that although the quantity is enormous, the quality is less desirable, as the fowls of Egypt are puny and thin; the chickens are hardly eatable, and the eggs are extremely small.

Probably some of our anti-incubator friends will rejoice at the above statement and attribute the small fowls and eggs to the unnatural way of hatching. But it will avail them but a temporary rejoicing, as that marvelous country of the marvelous, China, produces thousands of fat, large and juicy ducks and chickens by artificial means.

The possibilities of artificial incubation in this country are unlimited and although we imagine that the many incubators now in use are calculated to make some of the timid shake their heads, the whole business is very insignificant compared with the immense hatcheries of Egypt and China. While we aim to perfect intricate machines for hatching, the heathens stick to the simple contrivances—and beat us. After all, the simpler a machine, the better. Man must do a certain part of the work, but unfortunately for some men they believe an incubator ought to be endowed with brains.

It has been proven that the lime in oyster shells is assimilated by the hen, and influences the formation of the shell. As to the cost, there is nothing cheaper than oyster shells. The use of quicklime is seldom spoken of in this country, but in France it is used

for the purpose of hastening laying.

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M. Voittelier, the famous poultry expert, in an article entitled "Means of Hastening Laying," says: "Under the above heading, the reader will immediately expect a puff for a powder or liquid of some kind, but rest assured that such is not the case. If these nostrums are, in most cases, vantage of costing more than the eggs they are supposed to produce, and we would never think of praising these receipts of the laboratory and chemist.

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"What we wish to recall is an old, simple and easy way, the efficiency of which has never been questioned, of making hens lay in winter. It is simply giving the fowls grain that has been limed the same as grain prepared for sowing. Without showing especial fondness for such grain, the fowls eat it perfectly. This diet is harmless, provided it is not continued too long. Wheat is generally used for this purpose. Its exceptionally low price during the past two years makes it an economical food. However, all grain, barley, oats and corn can be treated in this way.

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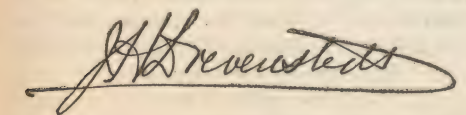
"As many of our readers may not be initiated into agricultural methods, and having never seen grain prepared for sowing, we will give the modus operandi. Take a quart of unslaked lime and slake it in about ten or twelve quarts of warm water. Heap up the grain that is to be limed in a conical shape and pour on the centre of it the whitewash, previously stirred and thoroughly mixed with a stick. Then take a wooden shovel and stir the heap until all the grain has been soaked sufficiently. Before feeding let it be spread out and dried.

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"This mode of preparation has the additional advantage of freeing the grain from certain parasites or germs which might affect the health of the fowls. How many epidemics, qualified with scientific names, even to the famous cholera of fowls are simple poisoning, caused by bad grain or unknown parasites distributed under the hulls or in the interior of the grain. In cases where the birds die in large numbers without apparent cause we advise the trial of feeding them with limed grain. This may prove a palliative. At all events we cannot recommend it too highly for promoting laying."

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The above is easily tried, and will cost only the labor of preparing the grain and the very small amount of lime used. Our French poultrymen evidently do not pin their faith on the egg foods, and while they may have queer notions regarding poultry raising, they are entitled to considerable respect, as in France the poultry business is successful. The minute attention to all details of the business, together with a thorough knowledge of feeding, are the prime factors of success, and the same will succeed as well here as in La Belle France.



The man that does not provide the and plenty of fresh water these hot days is heartless.

Northern Games at the Big Shows. Editor American Fancier:

I was grafted on reading in a recent issue of the American Fancier Dr. Fairbank's remarks regarding Modern Games, and I agree with him and the idea of a four bird test, consisting of cock, hen, cockerel and pullet. Now, why not make a sweepstakes for such open to five classes, viz: Brown-Reds, Pyles and both colors in Duckwings. The birds can compete in the open classes (under cup conditions) and each winner to score say five points for first premium, three for second, and one for third. The competitor aggregating most points to be adjudicated winner. Each contestant to nominate his four birds through the Secretary of the Game Club prior to exhibiting, and to subscribe five dollars for each team entered. Probably the Club would make it still more interesting by donating a special trophy. This should draw out the best. Now, you lovers of the ideal in feathers, get together and make supreme effort to show that the Modern Game is "The autocrat of the show-room." But, in order to do this, they certainly must have a much better position in the hall than was accorded them at the last exhibition in Madison Square; and unless the Secretary of the Game Club can get some guarantee from Mr. Crawford that they will be placed to advantage, I would strongly advocate holding the Club's meeting at Boston. Since the ball has been so ably set a-rolling, I sincerely hope it will draw out others opinions in its favor, and lead to such a grand showing as was never cooped on this side before.

W. H. MUDGE.

TORONTO EXHIBITION.

The prize list is being distributed for the Fourth Annual International Cat Show, to be held at Toronto, Ontario, in connection with the Canadian National Exhibition, on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, August 29, 30, 31, and can be had on application to Dr. J. O. Orr, Manager and Secretary, City Hall, Toronto. The list includes prizes for pretty well every variety of cat known, both long and short-haired. Upwards of \$300 is given in cash, besides a number of specials in kind. Entries close on Saturday, Aug. 18th, and must be addressed to Dr. Orr. The complete period of the exhibition extends from August 27th to Sept. 8th, a grand dog show occupying the cat building during the second week, when \$3,000 in cash and a hundred specials are given in prizes. The feature of the exhibition will be the band of His Majesty's Second Regiment of Life Guards, which will be brought over at a large expense from Great Britain. Another feature is a grand array of famous paintings, loaned by the Corporations of London, Liverpool and Glasgow, and by the Victoria and Albert Museum, His Excellency Earl Grey, Lord Strathcona and Sir Geo. Drummond. His Majesty King Edward and Lord Rothschild have stated their intention to send for exhibition a number of prize Shire horses. The Toronto exhibition attracts each year upward of 600,000 visitors. It will thus be understood that it is no ordinary affair.

Thoroughness in detail is what counts in pigeon culture.

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Tried to Tame Young Herons.

The attempt of two boys living between this city and Indian Orchard to domesticate five young brown herons by confining them in a chicken coop was blocked by official action yesterday afternoon. There are a number of these herons at Five-Mile pond, which have for some time attracted the attention of those familiar with birds.

A number of young ones have been seen there, and yesterday two boys visited the place and captured five, which they bore home in triumph and confined in a coop. The news of their capture soon reached the ears of Agent Dexter A. Watkins, of the long-named society, who went in search of the boys. With the aid of Officer P. H. McDonald, he soon located them and secured their names. The young birds were taken back to their native haunts and released.

A law passed in 1903 makes it illegal to take or kill a heron of any kind, and a fine of \$10 for each bird so taken or killed can be imposed. The question of whether to prosecute the boys is being given consideration.—Springfield Republican.

Legend of Hoopoe's Crown.

That interesting bird, the hoopoe, is now represented in the Zoological Society's menagerie. Compared with a bird of paradise, the hoopoe is a humble looking creature in red, sandy plumage, barred with black, but in its way it is beautiful. It has a large curved beak and its head is adorned with a crest of stiff feathers. The hoopoe is well known in Asia, as well as in Europe. There is a Spanish legend concerning it which has been related by Kingsley.

The story goes that once upon a time the holy birds who run up and down on the Prado at Seville among the ladies' pretty feet, had golden crowns on their heads. One day the birds and beasts all went to pay homage at the court of King Solomon, and among them, of course, were the hoopoes. When their turn came they made their request, which was that the King would pray for them that their crowns might be changed.

So King Solomon prayed, and instead of golden crowns they received crowns of feathers. Ever since then, the legend continues, the hoopoes "live as merrily as crickets in an oven, and also have the honor of bearing the name of his Most Catholic Majesty King Solomon.—Pall Mall Gazette.

Dog That Brought Luck.

(From the London Daily Graphic.)

One rarely hears of a stray dog found practically starving in the street of a city rising to fame and bringing fortune to its benefactor. Such, however, is the history of the celebrated dog Brigadier, which forty years ago, after being hustled about the streets of Manchester, found a sympathetic friend in the late Mr. Foulkes of that city.

Finding the dog in the street homeless, Mr. Foulkes took it home, and with it, after careful training, succeeded in winning the Waterloo Cup. With the money thus won Mr. Foulkes purchased a hotel at Withington, a suburb of Manchester, which he renamed the Waterloo Hotel.

In a quiet spot of the hotel grounds stands a tombstone erected to the dog's memory.

YELLOWHAMMER CARRYING OFF HER YOUNG.

In the spring of 1860 the yellowhammers were quite plenty, and in the month of May I noticed a pair busy, picking away on an old pine stub. One would pound away until he got weary, then his mate would take up the work. It took several days to carry off the rotten wood and make their nest.

In about three weeks I took a look at the old stub. While looking up at the hole out came the old yellowhammer with something large in her bill and flew off, and I stood and waited, and soon she came back and went into the hole where her nest was and came out with another large thing in her bill and flew off, and I was near enough so I made out it was one of her young hammers.

While she was gone I went up to the stub and found out why she was removing her young. Red ants were going up over the stub and going into the hole where the hammer had her young, and the mother found they killed her young, and to save them was taking them to a place of safety. Did any of your readers ever see the like?—J. L. Hersey, in Maine Woods.

Bees Obey Orders.

In a communication to the Academy of Science, the celebrated naturalist, M. Bonnier, makes some interesting observations on the habits of bees. In the afternoon when they are collecting water from the leaves of aquatic plants, he says, they will not touch honey offered to them on these leaves, or on floats of various colors. But if honey is offered to them in the morning in a similar way it is carried off. He explains that as arising from the strictness with which they obey orders. If they are sent out for water they will not stay to gather honey.

A small seed pepper boiled in a quart of water, and while scalding hot, poured over sufficient meal to make a mush that will drop from the spoon, and to which is added three spoonfuls chopped suet, and teaspoonful salt, and baked in a covered pan two hours, is a splendid bracer for your birds.

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Farm, Field and Garden

BY G. O. BROWN

Every farm should have a tool house where small tools and implements could be stored, and repairs be made as well as tinkering, carpentering. Such a convenience is a great source of economy. It is a well known fact that more farm implements are destroyed by the elements than by actual use. Leaving implements out in the weather to be soaked by the rains, and then exposed to the hot sun is more destructive than actual use. The fact of having a place for tools and implements is another source of economy, a time saver. Wasted time in a busy season is always costly. It is a wise and profitable investment to have a hot house on the farm.

An exchange says: Australia has adopted the system of drying milk, which originated in England. The milk is dried between steam rollers and sold as a powder, from which nothing but water has been extracted, and to which nothing but water requires to be added. A leading medical officer is reported to have said that the adoption of dried milk at some of the asylums for consumptive patients and in general hospitals has proved a success.

When horses and mules suffer from brittle hoofs treat as follows, says the Atlanta Constitution: Rub on the hoof all around and from top to bottom twice a week an ointment made by mixing equal parts of pine tar and linseed oil and let the animal stand on damp sand or sawdust.

Remember that cultivation of the soil is not merely for the purpose of weed destruction. Cultivated soil will retain moisture much longer than land not broken by the cultivator. In a sense the loose soil acts as a mulch conserving moisture, and enabling the air to penetrate the soil.

Maryland fried chickens and deviled crabs are running a race for popularity with the odds in favor of the chicks. Both are dishes par excellence that are not equalled at any of the summer resorts.

The Pennsylvania Railroad estimates the Peninsula peach crop at 3,000,000 baskets, and the B. & O. experts declare the peach crop will require 400 cars alone from western Maryland and Virginia section. Consequently some of Maryland choice fruit products will be enjoyed in many localities of the Union.

Cabbage requires frequent cultivation to get the best results. The soil should be kept mellow around the stalks and out as far as the leaves extend. It is a little trouble to accomplish this but with the effective old time hoe it can well be done.

Reports indicate that the acreage of barley this season shows a remarkable increase. England uses barley in stock feeding quite extensively, and this country could use more of it to advantage, especially in feeding poultry.

The peppermint crop is reported as scarce and inferior, but the prince of

mint julips remains unchanged. Jersey is using the mint to make oil for skeeter scattering—so 'tis said.

In case of protracted hot spells the newly set treest may suffer from want of rain. It is a good plan to loosen the soil around them and put on a good three inches of mulch such as lawn clippings, or something of a similar character, then they can have a pail or so of water poured around them two or three times a week.

Commence as soon as the strawberries are done bearing to run the cultivator between the rows, so to cut off the runners and get rid of all weeds. The better care given now means a greatly increased crop next season. The vines will continue to grow and get in fine condition for winter.

Some farmers raise oats as a supplementary crop for hay, when the latter is scarce on the farm. An excellent method is to let the oats fully head out and cut at once while they are green. Then after they are properly cured haul and store away in the barn. They can be feed in the sheaf and the horses will ravenously eat the oats, straw and all, and it is a most excellent food and saves the trouble and expense of threshing, and it is claimed gives better results than the same field product would if allowed to ripen.

Recently while riding on a railroad through Pennsylvania it was noticed that the caterpillar pests were occupying the wild cherry trees along the fence rows, getting ready for their raids of destruction. In some places they had already found their way to apple orchards. Nothing but united effort in destroying the pests will rid a neighborhood of them for they have become a dangerous pest.

Says a writer in Farm Journal: A 3x3 inch smooth, straight pole may be ripped within a foot of the small end, where it should have a bolt or band to prevent splitting. The lower part is spread to receive the cross-pieces. A hook of smooth, round $\frac{1}{2}$ or $\frac{3}{8}$ inch iron is bolted to the upper end to catch over limbs or in crotches. The great advantages are that it may be thrust anywhere among the branches of a tree easily and the hook prevents the ladder slipping, breaking branches and scarring the tree. When a ladder is in nearly an upright position a very small limb will hold it.

The peach crop in the western Maryland and West Virginia section is a large one. The B. & O. R. R. express agent who has visited the section reports that 400 cars will be required to take the crop out of Romeny alone. One grower at Paw Paw, West Virginia, this season has an orchard of 8,000 trees that are bearing fruit this season. Mr. Charles E. Faundall, of Towson, who has been cultivating strawberries for 20 years, raised from a seedling of the Wm. Belt variety, which he has named the "Fendall," a

yield equal to 16,800 quarts per acre, and picked berries from May 25th to July 4th.

In these days of doing about all the cultivation by horse power in the garden, there is not as average good yields and fine products when there was more dependence on the hoe. On a recent visit to a farm in Baltimore County we happened on going to the pump house to see two bright, shining hoes and a steel rake, shining with use, as bright as hoes. It made us think of a good garden. We asked to see the garden. It was a revelation. Not a weed, and such clean cultivation, such as only can be accomplished with a hoe and a rake. All kinds of vegetables, small fruits and beds of the old time herbs, box wood hedge on each side of a path down through the centre, and some old time flowers that were very emblematical of days and people when graft and the business hustle that tells so on the morals and health of the people was unknown.

It is now snake story season, and the fishermen is, if we judge from the following only a novice, even after he has disposed of all his "bait."

A Waynesboro, Pa., paper says: "A snake seven feet and a-half inch in length made its way into the yard of Mr. Browning. The latter had with him an iron bar about four feet long and weighing twenty pounds. He threw this with the expectation of killing the unwelcome reptile, but only to see the snake curl around the bar and carry it over a paling fence, breaking over a dozen poles, and bending the huge bar in the shape of a horseshoe."

This sounds a little off for the truth but as the party is known for his veracity, we will have to allow our readers to draw their own conclusion.

In gathering herbs gather most of them when beginning to blossom.

Lavender must be gathered when in full bloom, as the flowers are more fragrant than the leaves.

Select the afternoon of a warm summer day for collecting. Assort each variety by itself and tie up in paper bags, having the stem ends come to the top of the bag. Hang the bags in a current of air in the shade until thoroughly dried.

Fruits.

Brown rot does not confine its attacks to the fruit alone, says a bulletin of the Clemson Agricultural College, South Carolina, but also destroys the small twigs when the decayed fruit is allowed to remain on the tree. If the fruit is removed as soon as it begins to decay the fungus will not attack the twigs to any great extent, but if allowed to remain on the tree the disease will spread down the twigs and in some cases large limbs are so damaged that it becomes necessary to remove them.

Great care should be taken to remove every dead twig and decayed fruit in the orchard as soon as possible and destroy them. The dead twigs and decayed fruit are covered with the little spores that would produce the disease the next year, and by destroying them and thoroughly spraying the trees before they bloom the bulk of the spores will be killed before the young fruits appear in the spring.

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POTTED STRAWBERRY PLANTS.

For late summer or early fall setting, pot grown strawberry plants will give the most and the best fruit the following spring, if they are well cared for, says American Cultivation. They are sure to live in dry or wet weather, as there is a ball of earth on every plant which is well filled with roots.

Before planting make the ground rich with stable manure, or fine bone and ashes.

For a small bed, set plants in three rows, one foot each away; and then leave a path thirty inches wide and set three more rows. Keep all runners cut off. Every runner that is cut off, causes the parent plant to send out a side shoot, so at the end of the season they will be very large plants will bear from a pint to two quarts each of large fruit. When setting plants hove the crown just level with the top of the soil. Be sure to press the earth well about the plants. The ground should be hoed over once in ten days to keep the upper soil loose and to kill all weeds. If well cared for the same plants will bear a number of years. It is from pot grown plants that our best exhibition berries are produced.

The Successful Dairyman.

It takes intelligence, study and close application to business to make permanent progress, says Hoard's Dairyman. There is no other branch of agriculture that requires a closer application and a better understanding of nature's laws than dairying. It is not enough for the dairyman to understand the composition of the soil and the fundamental principles of preserving the elements of fertility, but he must know the composition of his crops and the kind of feed to purchase to make a balanced ration; he must know something about the effect of feed upon the animal's body, for it is necessary to keep the cow in good physical condition if a good quality of milk is to be produced and strong animals developed; he must know the cause and effect of those unseen living organisms which begin their work in the milk as soon as it is drawn from the cow, and he also must be a student of nature's laws, or, at least, understand the fundamental principles of breeding.

No Strikes on the Farm.

When you think of moving to town to work for wages, stop and consider. You will work only ten hours a day six days of the week. But your wages will just fit the time you work exactly. On the farm you may work 12 or 14 hours six days and have chores to do on Sunday. But your wages are growing 24 hours to the day and seven days in the week. When a rainy day or dull times come, grass, grain and vegetables, to say nothing of farm stock, will grow just the same.

No strikes, lockouts, shutting down for repairs or inventory on the farm, unless you are too sick or lazy to work. A good garden, a good cow and 100 good hens with proper conveniences to care for them, provide for a farmer's table.—Farm and Home.

His First Love.

Editor American Fancier:
I will contract for space annually in The American Fancier, as I consider it my "first love" in the poultry paper line, having been a subscriber from its first issue.

JAMES B. N. FITCH.
Mt. Vernon, N. Y., May 21, 1906.

DRY FEEDING: THE NEW POULTRY CULTURE.

By A. F. Hunter, West Roxbury, Mass.
(Continued from July 21st Issue.)

cracked corn, wheat and oats were given, the birds were always ready and anxious for them, and would scratch in the litter for the very last kernel before going to the troughs where an abundance of food was in store.

It was very evident that they liked the broken and whole grains better than the mixture of the fine materials; yet they by no means disliked it, for they helped themselves to it—a mouthful or two at a time—whenever they seemed to need it, and never went to bed with empty crops so far as we could discover. They apparently did not like it well enough to gorge themselves with it, and sit down, loaf, get over-fat and lay soft shelled eggs, as is so commonly the case with Plymouth Rocks when they are given warm morning mashes in troughs.

Some of the advantages of this method of feeding are that the mash is put in the troughs at any convenient time, only guarding against an exhaustion of the supply, and the entire avoidance of the mobbing that always occurs at trough feeding when that is made a meal of the day, whether it be at morning or evening. There are no tailings to be gathered up or wasted as is common when a full meal of mash is given at night. The labor is very much less, enabling a person to care for more birds than when the regular evening meal is given.

We cannot give the results of a full year's feeding in this way, as we have practiced it only from the first of last November to the close of June. The number of hens lost during the winter has been less than ever before, even when they were kept in the same style of houses. We can ascribe this to no other cause than that the birds did not overload with food at any time. We have never had so many eggs laid during the winter months by a like number of hens.

The average yields of the 550 hens during March was 20.4 eggs per bird. The whole number of eggs laid by them during the six months from November 1st to April 30th was 42,126, an average of 76 per bird. It must be borne in mind that these birds were not selected but were the whole number of chickens reared last year.

The most radical of all methods of dry-feeding is that followed by Mr. Tillinghast, of Vernon, Conn., and he, literally, feeds his birds but once a week and waters them not at all. As to the watering, the birds go to nearby springs or a tiny brook to drink, and when the springs and brooks are frozen and there is snow on the ground they eat snow for their drink.

The remarkable thing about Mr. Tillinghast's feeding-method is the very few grains he feeds, the ration is almost wholly wheat screenings and beef scraps, and they are kept in hoppers, one of each in each house, and are accessible to the birds at all times. The hoppers for the wheat screenings are made from good sized boxes, shoe boxes chiefly, and will hold a bushel or more each—a supply amply sufficient for a week for the fifty or sixty birds in a house. The hoppers for the beef scraps are about eight inches square by a foot and a half high, and will hold some-

thing more than a peck each. These two hoppers of food are refilled once a week, and an ample supply is always on hand.

The very small addition made to this ration is a remarkable feature of it. In the winter time about a quart of cracked corn is thrown on the scratch litter on the floor of each house, about the middle of the afternoon, when the wagon is driven around to collect the eggs. During summer the beef scraps is likely to become caked in his hoppers, so they will not fed down, and for that reason Mr. Tillinghast stops filling the scraps-hoppers about the first of May, and puts about a pint of beef scraps in a feed trough in each house at time of driving around to collect the eggs. The birds have free range over the fields and orchards in which the houses are located, and in summer can get an abundance of green food; in winter a supply of vegetable food, of such roots as mangles, turnips, sugar beets or refuse squashes, is fed out to them, and a wire-netting pocket of cut clover, dry, is hung against the wall for them to pick from,—it is surprising what a quantity of this cut-clover the birds will eat, and it seems to fill a manifest want in the balancing of the ration.

The first question that arises is as to the profits when poultry is kept on this go-as-you-please plan, and unfortunately Mr. Tillinghast does not give us figures of egg-yield to prove the profits. It will be evident that the work of feeding and caring for the flocks is reduced to the minimum, and as Mr. Tillinghast is increasing his plant and stock each year, he is evidently satisfied with the results. He has housing capacity for about three thousand head, and last winter had about that number of birds on his place; it is his intention to increase to eight to ten thousand head, and he claims that he can himself care for five thousand head of layers housed and cared for upon his plan.

We visited him in mid-winter, and saw some houses of pullets in which the egg collection of the day was about fifty per cent. of the number of birds in each house, a result that any one would feel was quite satisfactory. As illness had prevented his getting out so great a number of chickens as he had intended, he was carrying over a very proportion of old stock, and those old birds, while laying some eggs were, as always, laying scantily. At that visit we personally went around to more than three-fourths of the houses, and saw but one bird of all the great number we inspected, that gave any indication of indisposition; that bird was sneezing, which indicated a slight cold. We visited him again this summer, when the hens were moulting, and of all the birds we looked over, probably over three thousand in all, saw but two that seemed out-of-condition, and the egg-yield at that time was quite as good as could be expected in moulting time; some of the pullets had even then begun to lay.

It is evident that if a ration which is nine-tenths wheat screenings supplemented in winter with a good feed of cracked corn, will give such a good showing in general healthfulness of the flocks and egg-yield in mid-winter, then we who have expended a great deal of time in compounding a mixed ration and feeding three times a day have thrown away our labor and pains,

The tables of analysis given in Bulletin No. 22 of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, shows what screenings to have a feeding value very closely approximating to that of good, sound wheat, and that wheat is the best food of all the grains is very well known.

That wheat screenings is a very economical food, there is good proof in an experiment made at the Connecticut Experiment Station last summer. Prof. Graham wished to test the Tillinghast method of housing and feeding chickens, and had built two colony houses exactly like his. In one of these houses he put 44 Rhode Island Red chickens, that were hatched April 24th. Twenty-four of them were pullets and eighteen were cockerels; on the 29th of July the cockerels were killed and dressed for market, they averaged to weigh 3½ pounds a piece undrawn and sold at the wholesale market price for 82 cents apiece. The cost of food for both themselves and the 24 pullets to that time was \$4.28, the 100 eggs cost \$5, making \$9.28 as the cash outlay for the 42 chickens at about fifteen weeks old, and there had been a cash return of \$14.76 for the cockerels sold, and the 24 pullets were left. On the 8th of September one of those pullets began to lay, when about 4½ months old, and in the month of September 48 eggs were laid by that lot of pullets. Their food for the first two weeks was commercial chick foods, bought off dealers in poultry supplies, and after that was wheat screenings, supplemented with what insects, worms, bugs, etc., they could pick up on range. Not an atom of meat-food of any kind had been given them, no milk or other animal food, and here we find the remarkable showing of Rhode Island Red pullets reaching laying maturity at 4½ months old on wheat screenings alone, supplemented by the animal food picked up on range. We feel justified in calling this a remarkable showing.

And the grand total of results, as evidenced by the testimonials coming from many different sources, all point to an equally remarkable showing in favor of the dry-feeding method of feeding both chicks and fowls. The general health of the flocks is better than where the cooked mash was fed, the eggs are larger, stronger-bodied, more fertile and hatch out strong, vigorous chicks, chicks that are of the bound-to-live kind, and that are the delight of their owner. Here is one reported test of the fertility of winter eggs from dry-fed hens:

A Mr. Boulton, living in Connecticut, was advised by a neighbor to send to Dr. Nottage for some eggs from which to hatch early chicks, and sent him an order for a hundred eggs in February; the following is his verbatim report upon them:

"We put yours in one tray (100 eggs) and marked them, and in the other tray put a hundred eggs from a man of a great deal of reputation who feeds mash. I wanted to test the difference, thinking it might show in the fertility. Of your hundred, 16 were infertile, and of his, 64; I paid the same price for both, and I think the result shows well for your method of dry-feeding."

Experienced incubator operators well know that the measure of fertility is (approximately) the measure of weak germs left in the machine at first test, and expect that about the same proportion of the eggs will fail

to hatch that there are infertile. As 64 per cent. of the eggs from the mash-fed hens were infertile, it is fair to suppose that 64 per cent. of the 36 eggs remaining would be weak germs and fail to hatch. That would give 23 (plus) weak germs, and a "fair expectation" of 13 chicks to hatch. Of the dry-fed hens' eggs there were but 16 per cent. infertile, which would indicate but 13 (plus) weak germs, and a "fair expectation" of 70 or 71 chicks to hatch." Certainly—quite a difference there.

At the Jordan Farm, Hingham, Mass., they raise several thousand chickens each year, with practically no loss from that scourge of chickenhood, "bowel trouble," and all the food for the first weeks is Cyphers' Chick Food. The result of this simple feeding-method is a most gratifying growth of the youngsters, who seem to have no set-backs, and to grow "naturally," to grow from the start, without having any time lost or backward slips to make up.

The most remarkable growth of young fowls of which we have ever heard was a pair of Barred Rock cockerels castrated, and grown to be "soft-roasters." They were killed the day they were six months old, and weighed (the pair) twenty-three pounds live weight, and the larger one weighed ten and a half pounds dressed. They were grown on a ready-mixed chick food for the first four or five weeks to increase the ration, and beef scraps. The last two months the ration was cracked corn and beef scraps, and the total result was a growth never equalled by any other method of feeding.

A New Jersey friend writes me: "My young stock this year are simply wonders! Some of the pullets are already showing good sized combs and wattles, and from appearances look as though they would lay by middle of September. Some of the Capons, hatched March 23rd, will weigh 5½ to 6 pounds now; certainly a fine testimonial to the dry-feeding method. All I have had to do was to keep the hoppers filled, and they did the rest. I find I am this year raising three times as many birds as last year, with only about one half the labor."

Let us, however, turn again to the Main Station Bulletin and quote the statement made there. This is a State experiment station bulletin, and the statement has the weight of an official report. It says:—

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Like Old Times.

To The American Fancier:
It seems like old times to get The American Fancier in its up-to-date form. This first, the others afterwards. Wishing you success, I am,

Very respectfully,
ELLIS DUNTZ.

Glencoe Mills, N. Y., May 3, 1906.

Pigeon Fancy, Flying and Pet Stock

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The title page of this issue contains a fine reproduction of Mr. Chas. F. Wagner's celebrated black-pied Pouter cock. Imported from Scotland, where he captured all the leading prizes, his career in this country has been equally successful. Winning 1st Canadian National Exhibition, Toronto, September, 1904; 1st Pouter Club Meet, Chicago, January, 1905; 1st and English Pigeon Club Medal, Toronto, 1905; 1st New York, 1906; and 1st Pouter Club Meet, Cincinnati, 1906. This bird has yet to be beaten and in all probability will be one of the leading lights in Pouter alley this coming season.

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Pouters are a variety which have improved wonderfully during the past few years, and are gradually regaining their place at the head of the fancy. The Pouter entry at some of the leading shows during the past couple of seasons has been conspicuous owing to the absence of some of the leading lofts. At the same time these fanciers had sheltered in their lofts ideal specimens. The deck-sweeping career of one of their number had indeed a bad effect on the entry. The coming season we shall probably see a large turnout of this variety and some hot competition.

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It is a remarkable fact that, notwithstanding the large number of people who breed Pouters, there are very few who really know a good bird when they see one, and a still less number who understand how to breed one, most of the celebrities of the day having come into life more by accident than judgment. In matching up for breeding, the early history of the parents should be known, in order that some idea may be formed as to the color and markings that may be expected, for Pouters do not always reproduce their offspring the same color that they are themselves, and as to markings, a pair which are perfectly marked only occasionally throw a young one like themselves, unless they have been bred from correctly marked birds for several generations, and this is seldom the case.

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Pouters have a tendency to produce too much white, more particularly on the pinion, it is therefore advisable that one of the parents should have only slight pinion markings.

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There is important work to be pushed forward by Specialty Clubs at all times. There is no time when the variety can be justly claimed to be as well without their assistance. The more interest the fanciers put forward the more interest outsiders will take in their exhibits, and no doubt many may be induced to join the ranks.

The pigeon flyer may scoff at the assertion that he makes his records to sell his birds by, but the fact remains that the majority are very glad to have sufficient income from their birds to pay running expenses, and, in endeavoring to make a sale they detail performances which they surround with the best appearances possible.

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Purchasers nowadays have become so educated in the intricacies and possibilities of pigeon flying that club records are worth no more than individual claims. It is proven records, disinterested management, that is enquired for and is given the price. And, no association of fanciers in a vicinity or in several vicinities combined can make a difference.

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With progressive journalism we may hope for more progressive exhibitions similar to those held at New York, Boston and Chicago. The enthusiasm displayed by prominent fanciers in various parts of the country is sure to bring forth some fruit. These undertakings should be fully considered before hand, in order to prevent much loss to those who are ready to shoulder the initial burden.

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Serious loss and lack of patronage has given many associations the "knock-down blow" from which they never recovered. It would be much better when launching out in the show business if many of the associations would follow a more conservative rule and limit their classifications. At present it seems to be the aim of all to give an almost ridiculously liberal classification simply to try and please everyone. By so doing they bring upon themselves a burden which they are loath to carry a second time.

Western Concourse Race.

The annual 50-mile Western New York concourse race for old homing pigeons was flown under the auspices of the Western New York Concourse Race Association, June 23d, 1906, between the cities of Rochester, Jamestown and Buffalo. The Rochester Birds were shipped to Horsebranch, N. C.; Jamestown's to Horsebranch, Ky., and Buffalo's contingent to Somerset, Ky. The Rochester and Jamestown fanciers were sorely disappointed when they were notified by Concourse Race Secretary Victor A. Kamiensky that their birds had not arrived in time for liberation on schedule day, June 23d. Consequently the Buffalo birds were released, 222 in number, from 34 different lofts at 4:30 A. M., although the official liberator, Mr. E. M. Rousseau, at Somerset, Ky., wired birds left at 4:55 A. M. This latter conflict of time has caused great delay in figuring the average speed.

Mr. Charles Meyer of No. 1024 Genee street timed in the winner at 5:36 P. M., very closely followed by Mr. G. A. Terhaar's and Messrs. Knox & Betts. The birds to other lofts were only seconds part.

This fly decides the various district races which are figured and reported by the various district race secretaries. The table below will show the first bird to each loft. The first three birds are diploma winners. The average percentage return diploma was won by J. G. Kraetz, with 90 per cent home in two days, the time limit. The next concourse race will be one for young birds at a distance of 300 miles, air line, September 16th, 1906, from Athens, Ohio, where at least 500 youngsters will compete.

The result follows:

Owner	Speed in Yards per Minute
Knox & Betts.....	207.43
Fellows & Walker.....	200.10
Knox & Betts.....	188.20

Eight lofts failed to report in time limit.

The following lofts win the blue ribbon percentage return diploma offered by the National Federation for nominated birds for best one-day returns. Birds competing for these diplomas have to be picked before the hundred-mile race in each district.

G. A. Terhaar, Central District, 72.72 per cent.

Victor A. Kamiensky, Buffalo District, 50 per cent.

Louis Veidt, West Side District, 38.46 per cent.

Four other districts had no report for these very valuable district diplomas.

The general district average speed diplomas from 100 to 500 miles also offered by the national organization, was won by the following lofts:

Knox and Betts, West Side District, 1,222.89 yards.

George A. Terhaar, Central District, 1,048.93 yards.

James Male, Buffalo District, 1,003.50 yards.

Four other districts failed to make all distances in time limit.

West Side District, Buffalo, N. Y.

By consent of the national racing secretary, John Fischer, of New York City, the West Side District, National Federation American Homing Pigeon Fanciers, were some time ago guaranteed special privilege to fly their birds in competitions from Lawrenceburg, Penn., to Buffalo, a distance of 700 miles.

The birds were liberated by the official liberator, G. H. Nixon, on Saturday, July 7th. He wired: "Eleven birds liberated 5:30. No wind and weather clear."

The first bird reported home was from the loft of Knox & Betts, closely followed by one from the loft of Fellows & Walker. The weather conditions for the last week have been anything but favorable to the birds, still the above birds reported in time limit and the West Side District is very jubilant over this very successful race. The second bird reported by Knox & Betts has flown in all the races that the West Side District has had this season, and, from May 8th to July 13th, flew 2,695 miles, which has never been equaled.

The following shows the positions in the race, the first and second birds being diploma winners:

Owner	Speed in Yards per Minute
1—Chas. Meyer.....	1,155.34
2—Geo. A. Terhaar.....	1,153.43
3—Knox & Betts.....	1,151.54
4—James Male.....	1,150.05
5—N. Schneider.....	1,149.62
6—L. J. Keugott.....	1,134.05
7—C. Loedel.....	1,134.16
8—V. A. Kamiensky.....	1,108.35
9—J. Weinert.....	1,107.92
10—Louis Veidt.....	1,106.50
11—J. G. Kraetz.....	1,102.18
12—G. C. Peters.....	1,087.80
13—Karl H. Wendt.....	1,085.23
14—G. A. Reinhardt.....	1,084.97
15—C. Petersdorf.....	1,077.16
16—Robert Trapf.....	1,077.16
17—J. P. Young.....	1,076.32
18—Mathies & Strasser Bros.....	1,001.91
19—Michael Berzem.....	995.64
20—Joseph Schembs.....	988.41
21—Fellows & Walker.....	97.59
22—Michael Baer.....	811.88
23—Christ Tinzle.....	700.01
24—John Noeller.....	632.51
25—William Gerlach.....	630.42
26—D. Weisenberger.....	431.28

J. F. KNOX
Race Sec'y.

THE POUTER.

Length of Feather—i. e., the extreme distance outstretched—From the point of the beak to the end of the tail, eighteen to nineteen inches being considered the proper length—the maximum figure to be preferred when the leg development is such as to admit of easy, lofty carriage.

Head—Small and narrow in proportion to the size of the bird, forming an elongated arch from the base of the beak, measuring about one and five-eighths inches from the center of eye to point of beak.

Crop—Should be globular in form, proportionably large and equally distended at all parts; to rise well up against the point of the beak, projecting prominently in front, and showing but a slight fullness back of neck.

Girth—Slender, the greater the length from the lower part of the crop to the insertion of the thighs, the better.

Back—Narrow and long appearing, slightly concave with a grooved line from the base of neck towards rump, shoulders tucked close to body.

Breast—Narrow and convex, showing very little keel.

Flights—Should be sufficiently long so as to reach nearly the end of the tail, barely meeting at points directly over and close to the tail, to fold close and narrow.

Tail—Should be sufficiently long, and narrow enough to harmonize in the general taper of the bird, rounded and free form the tendency to fork at extremity.

Limbs—Generally lengthy, both in thigh and shank, measured from thigh joint to tip of toe nail, constituting about three-eighths of the length of bird. In referring to length, it is not necessarily meant the mere measurement by rule, but as well a form and position that both looks long to the eye and at the same time enables the bird when on a level floor to stand tall and upright without being tilted forward by its tail.

The thighs should be close together, and start from a position well back on the body, allowing room in front for the much desired long waist, the hock but slightly shown—almost straight, the entire limb well "striped," showing to the fullest extent what length and form of limb the bird may have. The feet should incline slightly outward, and the knees in, toes spread, not doubled under or cramped.

Leg and Foot Feathering—The legs should be covered with short, s feathers, fitting close and forming a

complete mask for the entire limb, with only enough covering at the hock to hide the knuckles from view, called have longer feathers, so thickly set as to leave no bare places on the toes exposed. The feathers should spread from the foot rather suddenly forming what is denominated the "Slipper."

Beak—Fine, mandibles straight, the upper showing slight curve at tip and slightly overreaching the lower.

Beak Wattle—Small and fine in texture.

Eye Sere—Fine and thread-like.

Carriage—Upright.

Movements—Majestic and proud, with head and crop aloft, gait opposed, to straddling—graceful.

Colors—Pieds; black, red and yellow. Plain color; white. Off colors; rufous, sandies, chequers, silvers and splashes.

Markings—Pieds; the head is colored, also the whole neck and back, including the wing coverts and crop, except a crescent-shaped band of white passing around the front of the crop, the points or horns reaching within a short distance of the eye. The bib or colored patch coming down from the throat and forming the upper edge "Crescent" should be large and well defined. There should be also a few white feathers on the shoulders, which are desired, as nearly as may be, to fall separately one from the other in a small circular patch called the "Rose Pinion." These white feathers should be free from the edge of the wing butt. In blacks and blues, the color extends to the end of the wing butt. In blacks and blues, the color extends to the end of the tail. In all colored varieties the flights, thighs, legs and feet, also the entire under part of body from the keel, or line across the breast, should be pure white.

Whites—Plumage pure white throughout. The four representative colors, excepting blue, should be deep and rich in hue. The blue should be light, bright and even color.

Color of Eyes—In the pied varieties, a bright red or orange; in whites, dark or bull.

Disqualifications—Trimming, plucking, coloring or any artificial alteration, out of condition from disease, any decided deformity for whites; stained beak; colored feathers; or if eyes are not bull.

THE ARCHANGEL.

The archangel is one of the most beautiful varieties we have, for when seen in a good light the radiance of its plumage is only excelled by that of the peacock; they also have the advantage of being healthy, sprightly birds and good breeders, but it is not easy to breed good specimens as those who have bred them will testify. Some years since when I first began keeping this variety, I thought it was an easy task to breed winning birds, that I had only to buy a good lusted and peaked bird and cross it with the black variety and get black tails and backs, but my experience now is the difficulty to breed out the black cross if you once introduce it. Generation after generation the birds persist in throwing black or nearly black birds, and if by chance the right color is bred then with grey wing flights, outside edge of same, grey in small quill feathers of wings. One of the most difficult thing is to breed sound wing-birds.

A. P. MAURICE.

PIGEON HINTS FOR JULY.

By W. Fellowes, in Feathered World.

It seems but a few weeks ago that I wrote warning the young fancier against a too early start at mating up his stock, and one can hardly realize that July has now commenced and the time nearly approaching when it will become imperative for him to put an end to breeding operations and to fix his thoughts upon the next phase in pigeon management—the moulting season. With what high hopes and aspirations did he commence the season, in a few instances only to be fully realized; in others attended with partial success, while again in others I am afraid the result can be classified as nearly approaching failure. Still, even if the last has been his lot, I would say to all such, do not be discouraged, for though the experience may have been dearly bought, yet if looked at in the right spirit, and the determination made to profit by the experience gained, such faults as may have occurred may be avoided and a better system organized by which success may be attained in the future.

I have heard of several cases where the season has proved remarkably prolific in the number of young ones hatched out and reared, while the quality has been equal to, and even surpassing, that of the last few seasons; but as a general rule this success has not been at all universal, and even old and experienced fanciers have had to own that the first half of the season has not been up to the usual average. Nor can it be doubted that the season for 1906 has been a most trying one for the breeding stock, and consequently in many lofts the young birds have suffered much from its ill-effects. In the former cases, where the nurseries have become tolerably well filled the desire has been to give the stock birds a rest and a good time to overcome the strain of breeding, and thus prepare them for the next serious undertaking with good hopes of getting it well accomplished while yet the weather is warm and genial, and more especially where there are hopes of exhibition honors at the summer shows. With others, again, the separation of more or less of the breeding stock has been compulsory and due to collapse, weakness, or want of condition, whereby the birds have showed their inability to further reproduce their species or have shown the effects of the strain by the production of defective eggs, weak and ill-developed young ones, or in their own case have contracted disease, resulting in that scourge of the Fancy, "going light," or the trying and weakening complaint, loss of plumage—and its further production when neglected, feather rot. Without doubt the present season has been attended with considerable mortality among the breeding stock from the former cause, and not only in the earlier portion alone, but right down to the month of June, and due chiefly to the bitterly cold nights experienced, and also to prevalence of northeast and east winds that have so lately departed, not to return, let us hope, for the remainder of the breeding time that remains.

Lucky has it been for those who have kept a careful watch over the breeding stock, and on the first signs of weakness or strain have relieved the sufferers by separation, and thus given them a chance of picking up strength and condition by a rest from their arduous duties, by good feeding, the use of good tonic and cod-liver oil,

and, above all, the chance of plenty of fresh air and exercise and the use of the bath. By this means many birds, and especially hard-worked hens, have been again brought into breeding form after a few weeks' separation, which if left to go on without such help would have broken down completely and have been of no further use, this year, at least, if the injury done did not take a worse form and the bird totally ruined as a stock producer. The bitter winds and frosty nights experienced until quite recently have also had a bad effect upon the sitters, and in many cases have proved the last straw in bringing about a collapse. In their weakened condition they have been quite unable to withstand the bitter cold, have taken a chill which has brought on colds and roup, and in some instances inflammation of the lungs has been set up, resulting in desertion of the nest, the bird moping about for a day or two, and then being found stiff and dead. Even when such cases have been taken in hand as soon as observed the attack has been so acute and rapid in its progress that nothing could save the patient.

Again, the chill may have brought on inflammation of the stomach or intestines, with a stoppage in the digestive operations, when the food will remain in the crop, resulting in and complicating matters by what is known as foul crop, the bird eating nothing, but drinking greedily if allowed the opportunity, and if not treated properly quickly wasting away and dying miserably. In this case diarrhoea quickly sets in, and although this may occur with several other complaints, yet this, if taken in conjunction with the other symptoms mentioned and also that the loose and unhealthy looking droppings will generally show streaks of blood and sometimes the presence of a jelly-like mass, will give the certain clue to what is wrong. Where the crop shows signs of stoppage of digestion, or foulness set up, the first step must be a clearance of this organ. When only slightly affected, a few charcoal pills and a little Epsom salts may have a good effect, but where the mass contained is large these will generally have little or no effect, and the crop will have to be cleared in a more forcible manner. This is best accomplished by injecting warm water, well mixing this with the contents, and holding the bird with its head inclined downward, gently pressing the whole mass through the mouth. It may have to be done in several operations, and more especially if the amount is large and the bird shows signs of exhaustion, when a rest must be given and a fresh injection started when it has gained a little strength. When again this complication is not present, operations can be started at once for allaying the inflammation and diarrhoea, and one of the best remedies

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I know—and certainly the simplest—is to give from twelve to twenty drops of olive oil, and one or two drops of chlorodyne, according to the size of the bird, every three or four hours until the droppings assume a more healthy and consistent character. This may be looked upon as a hopeful sign of recovery, and in nearly every case it will be accompanied by a return of appetite; but a little care must be exercised in the feeding, and more especially when no food has been taken for a considerable time and the bird has lost much flesh and become very weak and tottering. Here the first food must be of the lightest and most digestible kind, and all hard solid grains should be avoided for a time. Instead, a little biscuit food should first be offered, and in cases of extreme weakness a little of the moistened biscuit should be given by hand. This, again, should be followed by the smaller grains, such as good wheat, tares, or lentils, and with returning and strong appetite, good sound maple may be added with advantage. Another great help in the strengthening process is a good tonic, such as Parry's syrup of phosphates, a good nutritive capsule, and a little cod-liver oil, also in capsular form, occasionally. Much more prevalent, however, has been the signs of weakness and want of condition due to the strain of breeding shown; in fact, scarcely a week has gone by without several such cases being brought to my notice, nearly every one of which has been in connection with the plumage, and as the strain is likely to become more intensified as the time goes on, a word of warning as to its consequences and treatment may be of service. As might be naturally expected, it is the young and not thoroughly developed hen that has been the principal sufferer, and more especially when the mating up has taken place at a much earlier date than is wise for these first-season breeders. I should say that more hens have been ruined by this pernicious habit of mating up before proper development has been reached, and at the earliest part of the season, than from any other cause. I do not say for a moment that early-hatched young ones should not be mated up the following season, but I say most emphatically that it should not be done unless the birds selected are in thorough health and condition; but even in their case it is not always wise to mate them up quite so soon as the more adult and developed stock. What, therefore, can be said of mating up late-hatched and ill-developed youngsters either at this later period, or, worse still, before the season has properly commenced? Yet this is what is done by many young fanciers year after year; nor can it be wondered at that such a course should bring about such severe consequences, or even the ruin of the birds as stock producers, in its train. The same effects have also resulted in a like trouble in the case of birds getting on in years and nearly approaching the finish of their breeding career; in fact, in their case it may bring on the finale at an earlier period than would have otherwise happened. Such birds as these, again, should not be mated up so soon as the younger adult stock, while the late-hatched might be allowed to run loose for the whole of the first season, or be allowed to have just one or two nests if they show up well towards the latter part of the season.

DATES CLAIMED.

Under this heading there will appear each week a list of all the shows claiming dates for the coming season. Secretaries of poultry, pigeon and pet stock exhibitions will confer a favor by sending in the dates selected as promptly as possible. It is not only a convenience and guide to secretaries of shows that have not selected their dates, but of great interest to readers of The American Fancier, a majority of whom are exhibitors.

Aug. 21-24, Wellsville, N. Y. A. S. Stillman, Alfred Outer, Supt. Poultry.
 Aug. 21-24—Cortlandt, N. Y. Cortlandt County Agricultural Society, W. J. Greenman, Secretary.
 August 21-24, Rockville, Md., G. O. Brown, A. E. Warner, Judges; Calvin Hicks, Superintendent.
 August 21-24, Wellsville, N. Y. L. E. Hopkins, Secretary; A. S. Stillman, Supt. Poultry.
 Sept. 3-6, Taunton, Mass., E. P. Washburne, Pigeon Judge and President.
 Sept. 3-7, Columbus, Ohio, T. E. Orr, Judge; W. W. Miller, Secretary.
 Sept. 3-8, Orangeburg, N. Y., J. F. Gilchrist, Secretary.
 Sept. 11-13, Mercer, Pa. Mercer County Fair and Poultry Show. T. E. Orr, Judge; John P. Orr, Secretary.
 Sept. 12, Altomont, Ill., Dr. A. W. Baker, Superintendent.
 Sept. 17-21, Riverhead, N. Y., Harry Lee, Secretary.
 Sept. 17-22, North Yakima, Wash. State Fair, G. A. Graham, Secretary; Harry H. Collier, Superintendent Poultry.
 Sept. 17-23, White Plains, N. Y. Westchester County Agricultural Society, J. H. Drevenstedt, and W. J. Stanton, Judges; Fred Harries, Supt. Poultry.
 Sept. 18-21, Allentown, Pa., The Allentown Fair; H. J. Schall, Secretary; W. Theo. Wittman, Supt.
 Sept. 24-29, Mineola, N. Y., Robert Seaman, Supt. Poultry.
 Sept. 24-29, Spokane, Wash. Inter-State Fair, Robt. H. Cosgrove, Secretary.
 Sept. 25-28, Poughkeepsie, N. Y. Dutchess County Agricultural Society, T. C. Van Wyck, Superintendent Poultry.
 Sept. 25-29, Spokane, Wash., Robert Cosgrove, Secretary; H. H. Collier, Supt.
 Sept. 25-29, Trenton, N. J., Inter-State Fair, T. Farrer Rackham, Newark, N. J., Superintendent Poultry.
 Sept. 28-Oct. 5, Springfield, Ill., W. C. Garrad, Secretary.
 Sept. 29-Oct. 5, Sedalia, Mo., J. R. Rippey, Secretary.
 October 2-5, Chatham, N. Y. Columbia County Agricultural Society, W. A. Dardess, Secretary.
 Oct. 2-6, Puyallup, Wash., John Mills, Secretary; Harry H. Collier, Supt.
 Oct. 8-13, Nashville, Tenn. Tennessee State Fair Poultry Show, J. Howard Sledd and R. E. Jones, Judges; John A. Murkin, Jr., Supt.
 Oct. 9-12, Hagerstown, Md., Geo. O. Brown, J. H. Drevenstedt, D. A. Nichols, W. J. Stanton, J. F. Craugle, Chas. McClave, W. C. Denny, W. G. Minich, Judges; W. F. Spahr, Secretary, Poultry Department.
 Oct. 17-18, Girard, Ill., Heimlich, Judge; H. K. Young, Secretary.
 Nov. 12-15, Garnett, Kans., Rhodes, Judge; Hattie A. Weld, Secretary.
 Nov. 12-17—Houston, Tex., Hovey S. Fox, Jr., Secretary.
 Nov. 12-17, San Jose, Cal. Santa Clara Valley Poultry and Pet Stock Association, E. Van Every, Secretary, Edenvale, Cal.
 Nov. 15-17, Wellman, Ia., Shellabarger, Judge; E. J. Coffey, Secretary.
 Nov. 16-17, Manhattan, Kans., Chas. E. Smith, Secretary.
 Nov. 20-23, Winfield, Ia., Shellabarger, Judge; Russell Canly, Secretary.
 Nov. 21-23, West Haven, Conn. D. A. Nichols, D. J. Lambert, W. R. Graves, Judges; E. J. Crawford, Secretary.
 Nov. 21-23, New London, Ill., Russell, Judge; F. L. Clanson, Secretary.
 Nov. 21-24, Holton, Kans., Rhodes, Judge; T. A. Fairchild, Secretary.
 Nov. 22-24, Englewood, N. J., Lloyd M. Hallenbeck, Judge; Henry Cundell, Supt. Poultry.
 Nov. 22-24, Englewood, N. J., N. R. Pendergast, Secretary.
 Nov. 26-30, Cedar Rapids, Ia., Shellabarger, Judge; S. G. Smith, Secretary.
 Nov. 26, Dec. 1, Dallastown, Pa. York County Fanciers' Association, G. O. Brown, Judge; Jacob Eberly, Sec'y.
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 Nov. 27-30, Carthage, Mo., Rhodes, Judge; C. A. Emry, Secretary.
 Nov. 27-Dec. 1, York, Pa. C. T. Cornman, William G. Minich, Judges; J. N. Lovett, Secretary.
 Nov. 28-30, Fairfield, Ill., Russell, Judge; J. R. McElldrey, Secretary.
 Nov. 29-Dec. 1, Vienna, Ill., Heimlich, Judge; Chas. M. Pichens, Secretary.
 Nov. 28-Dec. 2, Moline, Ill., Shellabarger, Judge.
 Dec. 3-5, Brookfield, Mo., Rhodes, Judge; J. S. Hill, Secretary.
 Dec. 3-6, Ravenwood, Mo., Russell, Judge; Robt. Larmer, Secretary.
 Dec. 3-7, Mason City, Ia., M. V. Bicker, Secretary.

Dec. 3-7, Ellicottville, N. Y., Geo. W. Webb, Judge; William Green, Secretary.
 Dec. 3-8, Rolfe, Ia., Heimlich, Judge; Marion Bruce, Secretary.
 Dec. 3-9, San Francisco, Cal. California Poultry Association, J. C. Williams, Secretary, Fruitvale, Cal.
 Dec. 4, Youngstown, Ohio, T. E. Orr, Judge; W. H. Crossler, Secretary.
 Dec. 4-5, Jackson, Mich., F. W. Travis and S. Butterfield, Judges; C. W. Kroosz, Secretary.
 Dec. 4-7, Holyoke, Mass., George Barnett, Jr., Secretary.
 Dec. 4-7, Philmont, N. Y. D. A. Nichols, Judge; G. J. Anderson, Secretary.
 Dec. 4-7, Humeston, Ia., Shellabarger, Judge; Geo. King, Secretary.
 Dec. 4-7, Mt. Sterling, Ill., Meyers, Judge; Eugene Hambaugh, Secretary.
 Dec. 4-8, Paterson, N. J., J. Frost, Secretary.
 Dec. 4-8—Youngstown, O., H. J. Crossler, Secretary.
 Dec. 4-8—Wilkes Barre, Pa., David T. Miller, Secretary.
 Dec. 4-8—Providence, R. I., Rhode Island Poultry Association, W. I. Brown, Secretary, 6 Exchange Place.
 Dec. 4-8, Anardarko, Oklahoma Territory, Fite, Judge; Plaff, Secretary.
 Dec. 5-8, Grand Rapids, Wis. Grand Rapids Poultry Association; B. G. Eggert, Secretary; Frank Heck, Judge.
 Dec. 5-8, Paterson, N. J. Paterson Poultry, Pigeon and Pet Stock Association; Charles Frost, Secretary.
 Dec. 5-8, Danbury, Conn. Western Connecticut Poultry Association, Charles H. Brundage, Secretary; Judges, J. H. Drevenstedt, T. F. McGrew, Hon. David Nichols and W. H. Card.
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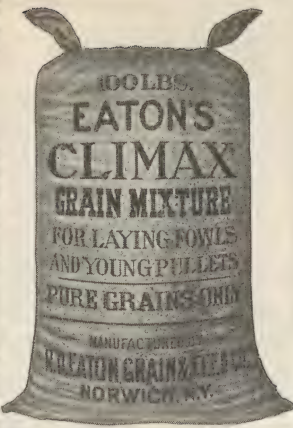
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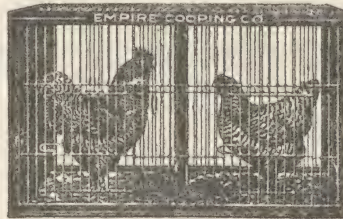


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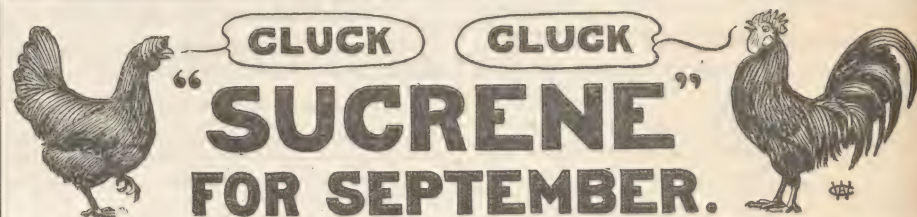
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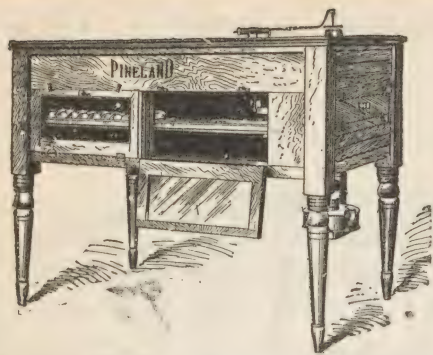


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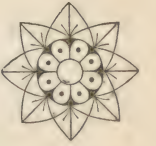
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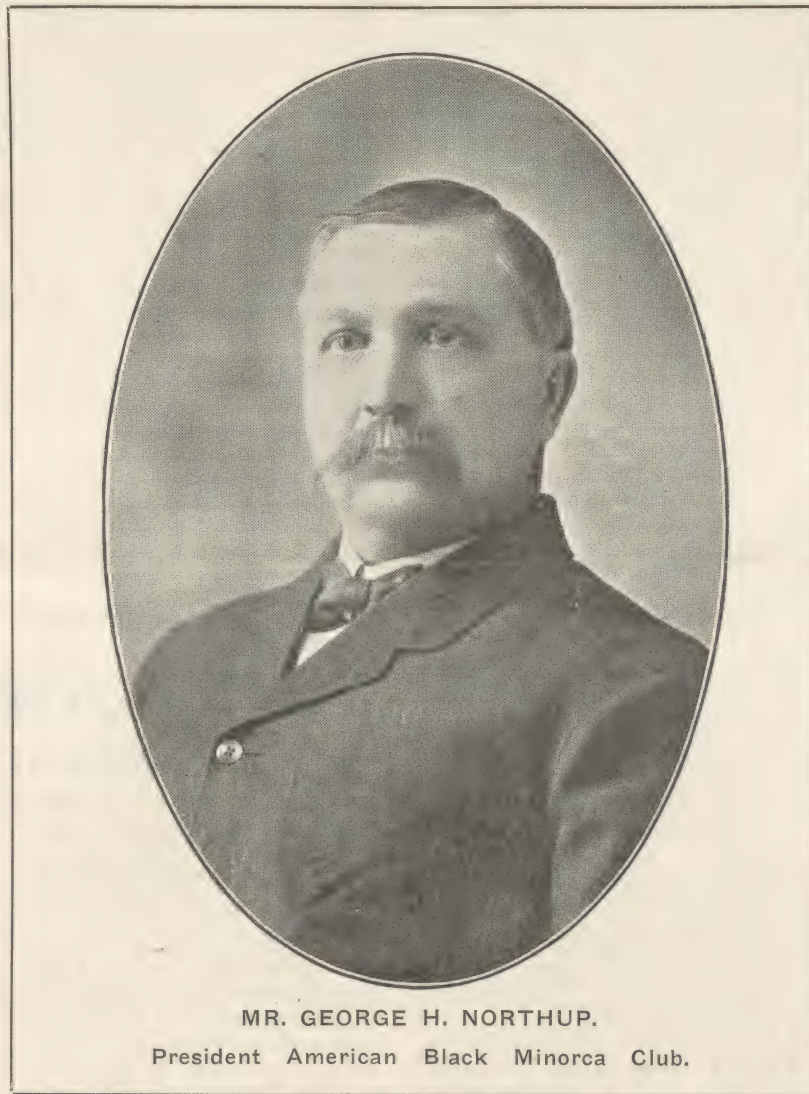
By George H. Northup, President of American Black Minorca Club.

Editor of American Fancier:

Having read Mr. Gamewell's article "The Future of the Black Minorca" in your issue of July 7th, to which he challenges Minorca breeders to reply, begs for discussion and further says that he has "chosen the American Fancier because it is a paper that will give everyone a square deal and (he) knows that no objection will be raised by them for a thorough idiscussion of the subject in its colmus," I feel that I am called upon to defend Minorcas and the Minorca Club.

It has never been my ambition to pose in purple and crimson as a diviner of fortune, nor has the fortune teller's booth appealed to my ambition as a shrine I would desire to shine in and I would avoid appearing before your readers in any such guise, so instead of trying to open up the future of the Minorcas as brother Gamewell has done I will leave the glory and the colors of the necromancer all to him and speak only of the past and the present.

Mr. Gamewell arraigns Black Minorca breeders for "ruining one of the finest varieties of fowls in the country" but in the same paragraph he says "There will be righteous indignation from a number of breeders of this variety throughout the country and particularly from those who advertise as having the greatest on earth, sweeper of the decks in the showrooms, etc." If this means anything it is a frank admission from Mr. Gamewell that we prominent Minorca breeders, who advertise the best and do win honors, have a perfect right to be indignant at what he says, "righteous indignation." I am more surprised than indignant to see Mr. Gamewell is willing to so publicly misrepresent Minorcas and Minorca breeders or expose his ignorance of the subject to those who know the conditions. I shall not take Mr. Gamewell's advice to "wiggle, squirm, rise up and start to swear" that mine are an exception to the rule. I am not built that way and do not feel like swearing and I know that many breeders as well as myself have fine Minorcas that are not the result of crossing and are better in utility than the Minorcas of the past. Neither am I intimidated by Mr. Gamewell's "quiet way" of "experimenting" nor his long experience of ten years with Minorcas. His "caution to breeders" because he has bought from them directly or indirectly "regardless of price," does not alarm me. In November 1904, Mr. Gamewell bought five hens and one cock from me for the enormous price



MR. GEORGE H. NORTHUP.

President American Black Minorca Club.

of \$5.00 each for hens and \$10 for cock. The cock died suddenly in a show several weeks later. Mr. Gamewell told me at the New York show last winter that those hens were wonderful layers of large, white eggs. He was very pleased with them and he had one of them in his breeding pen at that show.

I believe that my strain of Black Minorcas, Rose and Single Comb, lay eggs which are as uniform in size, color and shape as any strain of any variety of hens and I have seen it demonstrated time and again that Black Minorcas are remarkable for the uniformity of their eggs. At the Madison Square Garden show last winter, we had a striking demonstration of this. Including the breeding pens and display pens, I believe there were 108 Single Comb B. M. females, exhibited by 22 different breeders, birds which had been bred and selected for show purposes, the very class which Mr. Gamewell says are being

spoiled and consequently are spoiling the breed. I judged the class and therefore handled all except those in the display pens. I believe that from the fancier's standpoint they were the finest lot of show specimens that were ever brought together for competition. Many of these hens were laying and continued to lay through the show. I spent most of my time near their coops and did not see any except large white eggs in the Minorca coops. If I had not seen any other I would have remembered it as I would any unusual sight. Besides, I heard many expressions of admiration for the large white eggs in the Minorca coops from people who were not accustomed to seeing Minorcas. But it is no indication of impure blood to see an occasional tinted egg from a variety of fowls which habitually lay white eggs nor to see light colored eggs from a variety which habitually lay dark eggs. And I have noticed that the eggs from the breeds which lay color-

ed eggs vary more in shade of color than any Minorca eggs that I have ever seen and any observing person who has given attention to the subject must have noticed the same. I have been called on to judge exhibits of eggs in which there were several plates from each of different American and Asiatic breeds and no two plates from the same variety would be the same shade of color. I have also seen pure white eggs which were laid by pure bred Plymouth Rocks and pure bred Wyandotte hens and very light colored eggs which were laid by pure Langshan hens. I have bred 22 varieties of standard fowls at different times during the thirty years that I have been actively interested in poultry, have made a specialty of Black Minorcas for twenty years, and have been judging all varieties for more than twenty years, consequently, have kept in touch with other breeds as well as Minorcas and think my knowledge of their characteristics is quite accurate.

Mr. Gamewell refers to Mr. A, Mr. B, and Mr. C in particular as prominent Minorca breeders and winners who come under his accusations. I assume that he means Dr. Andruss, Mr. Bicknell and Mr. Cunningham as their names come quickly to mind in connection with prize winning Minorcas. He further particularizes by saying that Mr. A. won at B, probably Buffalo, we remember that Dr. Andruss did win the bulk of the prizes at the last show held there. He further states that Mr. B. bought birds from Mr. C. after seeing them on exhibition and we remember that Mr. Bicknell bought about one hundred of Mr. Cunningham's Minorcas and did breed them with the famous Bicknell strain. I believe I am in a better position to judge the quality of the strains of Minorcas which these men bred than Mr. Gamewell can possibly be, notwithstanding his "quiet way" of "experimenting" with these strains on "four different farms," because I bought out the entire stock of Black Minorcas from each of these breeders when they went out of the Minorca business, consequently, I must have bought from them later than Mr. Gamewell did. Mr. Cunningham's entire stock consisted of about one hundred S. C. Minorcas at the time I bought them. Those that I kept until they were old enough to lay, produced large, white eggs. I sold most of them before they began to lay and I received many good reports from those who purchased them. The flock I bought from Mr. Bicknell consisted of 250 S. C. B. Minorcas, mostly females and nearly all of them

laid large white eggs. March 1st, of the present year, I bought Dr. Andruss' entire stock of 160 birds, about 140 of which were hens and pullets, all were in laying condition when received. Only one hen among them laid a brown egg and not more than a dozen laid tinted eggs. The flock averaged between 75 and 100 eggs per day. I purchased each of these flocks from men whom I considered careful and intelligent breeders who I believed had guarded the welfare of their flocks, and the birds that I obtained from them convinced me that they were worthy of all the confidence I placed in them. I advertised and sold most of the Minorcas mentioned, by special descriptive circulars, not as my own strain but as coming from the breeders who produced them and the reports I received from purchasers of them showed general satisfaction.

I shall not try to defend this particular strain of Minorcas which Mr. Gamewell's "experimental breeding" has produced. He has told us how they appear to him and we have no reason to think he would tell it worse than it is.

Mr. Gamewell says he has come to the "definite conclusion that there are very few pure blooded strains of Black Minorcas in this country; by pure blooded strains we mean those that have no foreign blood infused in them from the promotion of size or greenish sheen of plumage (free from bronze or purple barring)." This sounds like pure nonsense. There is no breed in the whole catalogue which could impart the green sheen without destroying the shape or size of Minorcas and I challenge Mr. Gamewell to mention one for that purpose which he can successfully defend. There is no breed or breeds with which they could have crossed but would have taken them further away from the Standard requirements than they were at the start. Twenty years ago I imported Black Minorcas which were above the weights now required by the Standard. Prince Albert weighed 9½ pounds and had won many prizes in England's best shows. Champion, who had probably won more prizes in England than any other Minorca which ever crossed the Atlantic weighed 10 pounds and I sold during the next four years many male descendants of these two cocks which weighed from 9 to 10 pounds each in the leading shows of America where they won the highest honors. I have letters yet which prove these statements and make it conclusive that it has never been necessary to resort to crossing to increase the size of Black Minorcas. It is true that back in the 80's there were many cross-bred Leghorns sold for Minorcas. But they were never successful in competing for show honors against genuine Minorcas and did not equal the pure Minorcas for practical purposes. Readers of the Poultry Bulletin of that time will recall the exposure of one breeder who placed fifty Black Leghorn hens in his Minorca pens and sold the product for pure Minorcas. The same breeder fled the country to avoid punishment. Minorca fanciers have always frowned on that kind of work and have ever guarded the Standard to meet the true characteristics of the Minorcas so that cross-breeding would create its own defeat.

My correspondence which reaches many thousand letters each year is

filled with praise of Minorcas for the great number of large white eggs which they lay and this referring not only to birds which I have always sold but those which my competitors have furnished and these people are always looking for new blood which is pure and for fowls which are excellent in all Minorca characteristics to preserve and improve Minorca excellence as they have found it. As I said at the beginning, I do not care to predict what the future of Minorcas will be but judging from the past and the present, I have perfect confidence that Minorcas in general are not in danger of ruin at the hands of fanciers.

Mr. Gamewell says that while he has not seen the introduction of foreign blood, he has proof that the deed has been done and asks how to remedy this evil. Do not try to improve those which have foreign blood, eat or sell in the market any which have enough Minorca blood to make them palatable and let the cheap sausage maker have your "coarse, stringy meat" ones which you speak of, then breed from nothing but pure Minorcas. There are plenty to be had from various breeders throughout America.

Of the American Black Minorca Club, Mr. Gamewell says he believes there is one though he has heard very little of it for the past few years, but he seems to think that there is dissension and quarreling among the members because he repeatedly begs them to "quit quibblings and dissensions and get down to business before it is too late." He complains that the members have been in such continual strife trying to get one man out of the club and another out of office that they have entirely overlooked the promotion of S. C. B. Minorcas. All this reminds me of the story of Rip Van Winkle who went to sleep a harassed subject of King George and petticoat tyranny and awoke twenty years after to find the people of his native village engaged in a general election of the people by the people and for the people and himself a free citizen of the United States and all was so mysterious that it was a long time before he could determine his own identity or comprehend the situation. Brother Gamewell was dropped out of the American Black Minorca club for non-payment of dues soon after the memorable occasion when he sat up nearly all night with another member of the club to plan for a conspiracy whereby he could defeat the wishes of the club and annul the voting power of its members in case the result of the coming election should not prove to be satisfactory to him. That was in 1898 and I still have Mr. Gamewell's written confession of the part he took in that conspiracy in a nine page letter to me dated October 8, 1898, and bearing Mr. Gamewell's familiar signature. I quote a paragraph from it as follows: "When the meeting was over,— and I was so tickled at the way every one had fallen into the trap that we could scarcely restrain ourselves. You were president it was true but you were nothing more than a figure-head, the affairs of the club are vested in a board of directors, they can expel any one they see fit—nevertheless the members voted for their doom."

How is that from a man who flaunts himself as a reformer and peacemaker for that same club? Mr. Gamewell came back into the club last winter but like the famous Rip it seems he

failed to recognize his old surroundings. The club had nearly thribbled in numbers, having been run in peace and harmony during his absence. Minorca exhibits are more than doubled and greatly improved in quality. Instead of specials at only one show, the club had distributed its benefits to its members in nearly one hundred shows last winter. When Secretary Davis voluntarily resigned his office in 1905, much to the regret of the members, he closed his report, after commending the generosity and interest of the members, in the following words: "Let me thank those members who have so kindly aided me and given me their hearty support, for not one complaint or unkind act have I heard or seen this year." Our last retiring Secretary, Mr. Wheeler, gave a similar tribute and nothing like dissension has been heard in the club during the years of Mr. Gamewell's absence except an occasional thrust from the member who sat up to conspire with him on that memorable night, till we now read that Mr. Gamewell is, to use his own words, "going to hit right out from the shoulder, regardless of whom (he) hit the hardest" and all in the name of peace and harmony, notwithstanding that we notice on the editorial page of the same paper that Mr. Gamewell remarked to the editor that this article was intended to "stir up a hornet's nest." The condition of Minorcas and the Minorca club certainly does not merit the censure upon them. Readers will draw their own conclusions as to whether he means to be consistent or not.

Communications

Maunder's Reply to Gamewell.

Editor The American Fancier:

I read with much surprise the article entitled "Future of the Black Minorca," by John A. Gamewell, in your issue of July the 7th. It is really surprising how some people shout over things they, I presume, originated with themselves. Mr. Gamewell has not been an old reader of your paper or he certainly would have remembered reading about five years ago in the American Fancier all he is trying to tell us to-day. I don't wish to be egotistical but I firmly believe no breeder either in America or Canada ever fought harder against the green sheen and large-sized Minorcas than I personally have done. Ask T. T. McGrew, Arthur Trethaway, Mrs. Munroe, and also the Editor of the American Fancier. I stated then and still state that the green sheen did not first come through birds imported from England. And, to-day I believe I am right when I say that the London Minorca Club Standard on color of Minorcas reads rich, velvety, black. Mr. McGrew was the man who answered through the columns of the American Fancier, saying that he had seen Minorcas land from England that had as much green sheen as any he ever saw. To which I made reply that the English were noted for being able to supply the world with anything that was wanted.

Now, I have been a steady breeder of Minorcas for the past thirty years,

and as early as twenty-eight years ago, had shown against and won over the king of them all in those days. I have, to-day, some very good specimens I imported direct from England. Now, Mr. Gamewell, I have written article after article showing the harm that was being done the true Minorca by demanding the green sheen and boosting up the weights until to-day we are showing birds that are Minorcas in name only. Yes, I still have some of the down-to-date Green Minorcas as I call them. Males weighing 10½ pounds; the females, 8½ pounds. I don't mind the color of the eggs although I get some brown-shelled ones. If Mr. Gamewell will look back over some of the Minorca Club catalogues, he will, no doubt, find articles on the grand old variety written by me. I still have some of the kind of Minorcas, Mr. Gamewell speaks of; Solid Black Hens, no sheen, good shape, not too high on legs, weight about 5½ pounds each, and they are layers of large white eggs. But such birds would be a disgrace in the show room to-day. No, Mr. Gamewell, your remarks are too late in the day to do any good in the way you wish. If you have been such a student of the Minorca and interested in it for seventeen years, I am surprised that you did not come out of your shell years ago when I started and kept up for six months, what you seem to think you are originating. There is only one way to rectify the error, and that is by giving the present exhibition Minorcas a different name, and let the genuine bird stand at the head as a Black Minorca, pure and simple. No American artist can paint a Black Minorca, for the reason that no such bird exists on this side of the pond. They are all green Minorcas, pure and simple (I am speaking of exhibition specimens). I trust Mr. Gamewell will be able to find lots of fault with what I have said, as he has touched a spot where the writer will try to convince him that he personally knows what has been done, and what is now being done to the grand old bird.

FRED. MAUNDER.

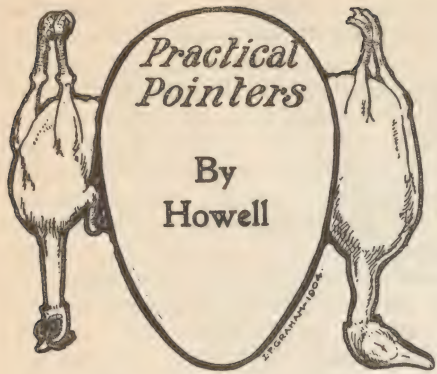
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All the foolish, frivolous, unmathematical, unbusinesslike fiddlefaddling of the small cow, toy cow advocates on percentages will not hide the one great truth, that the big dairy cows give the big yields of milk and earn the biggest profits for their owners."

How much of the above applies to hens? Does the big active hen lay the big egg and the greatest number of them?

These are points the market poultryman must consider. No doubt when mating up the most of us select the largest specimens, or would, but for one thing, the feathers. Unfortunately the biggest hen does not always sport the best markings, in fact the small and medium ones are more apt to carry feathers which endear them to the eye of the owner.

Size, well proportioned wins every time I think as quickly in a flock of fowls as a herd of cattle. The big Leghorn, Cochin, Brahma, Rock, Minorca, in fact every breed big and little has its payers and non-payers. The big ones outlast the little ones; five years is not too long to breed a good hen and the breeder who cannot get together a pen to his liking in five years had better take to the woods.

In mating up a breeding pen give size the preference over a nominal defect, as it is to your interest to do so, there is money in it, more eggs in a year, more pounds of meat in the progeny, more vigor and less disease, more chances to win and less to lose.

Supply yourself with a bottle of Kemp's Balsam to have on hand when a case of rattles or sneezes appears among the chicks.

The nights get colder and there is more circulation in the air, result more colds. There are other remedies for these troubles but none more effective or easily applied, half a teaspoonful for a chicken, a full one for a fowl.

Moving time and the fall shows are both coming on which means more of the above troubles. A little attention at the right moment is all that is needed. I wish I could get them to stay in their new quarters as easily as I can cure their colds. After confining them for two weeks in quarters far remote from the brooder house they eventually wander back, supplied

I have no doubt, with a pair of lice or two ready to infest my brooder house.

There are, I suppose, some individuals who would not be candid enough to admit they have lice in the houses. I work on the general principle that they are there or soon will be, and treat accordingly; it's easier and takes less time.

It seems the filthy practice of the packers to break every cracked and rotten egg in coming out of storage into can and selling them by the gallon to bakers out of which our cakes and pies are made, did not originate with them. The Chinese custom of treating their unsalable duck eggs in this way, adding a quantity of boracic acid to the mess, sealing up the jar and shipping to this country, has been going on for years, only stopped now on account of coming under the pure foods law which bars boracic acid as a daily diet.

Geo E Howell

INCUBATORS AND INCUBATION.

By James L. Nix, Homer City, Pa.

(Continued from July 28th Issue.)

Q. Can you put too much air in the machine?

Mr. Graham: We have found that the diffusion type of machine will burn more oil than the radiant type of machine, and necessarily we come to the conclusion that the diffusion type passes much more air through them. Is that harmful?

A. I do not know. There are two things to be taken into consideration in the diffusion incubators. It may be the quantity of air that goes through may be too great, and it may be heated too high, and you have very little difference in temperature between the top and the bottom of the egg.

Q. Can you give us any idea why your machine is so economical in oil?

A. I attribute it to the means we have for circulating the air. The modern way of heating buildings is by what they call the hot blast system by means of blowers; to secure the same results with direct radiation in the room requires from five to seven times the radiation, and to use indirect radiation it takes fourteen times as much radiation.

Q. How do you account for blood rings?

A. One cause is shock.

Q. Would you prefer a room like this to an incubator room or one 4½ feet in the ground?

A. That depends on the condition. If I do not have too many incubators, I would prefer the underground room, and if I had a great many I would prefer this upper room.

Q. How many machines would you have in this room?

A. I would have it plump full, and then put cotton curtains in the top of the windows, and open the windows from the top.

Q. Can you tell us the exact quantity of air required for incubation?

A. I could not tell you.

Q. How much air does an ordinary kerosene lamp burn in twenty-four hours?

A. I never went into that.

The Chairman: A kerosene lamp consuming 909 grains of oil, removes 5.9 per cent of oxygen and produces 4.1 carbon dioxide, and the vitiation of

the air is equal to seven adults, according to Hygiene and Sanitation (Egbert). When you are using a lamp test you are always guessing at results. put them in the direct sunlight. Use a dark, or better, a small booth near the window and enclose it with black curtains and have the aperture in the window the size of the egg. You can curtain the window with black oil-cloth or black cloth and have the hole in it about one inch, in time you can hold the eggs in the sunlight and in the The best method for testing eggs is to second stage you can see the germ and there is no guesswork about it, you can actually see the blood-veins.

Q. What about electric light?

A. I never tried electric light, but this winter I used acetylene lamps, and acetylene is the nearest to sunlight.

Mr. Hunter: In the Aylesbury duck district in England I found a very interesting thing. A man and his father before him were practising it. They first took the eggs and put them in incubators for twenty-four hours, and then they would test them and see if the germ had started, and then the eggs were laid aside until he was going down to one of his farms. He might keep them three or four days, and in that way he only put out on his farms eggs that had strong germs and he got almost one hundred per cent hatches.

Mr. Graham: Do you mean to say he incubated them twenty-four hours and then took them out?

A. Yes; he did that, and his father before him had done it for over forty years.

Q. At what point will the germ in an egg begin to develop?

The Chairman: It will begin at 95 degrees. Prof. Edwards, of Harvard University, carried on a number of experiments along this line. He tried to find out the problem of how low a temperature would be necessary to start life in an egg. It is what they call the physiological zero, and they found out it was about 70 degrees. They did not find out that the germ would develop at about 70 degrees.

Mr. Hunter: Shippers of eggs from Chicago to Boston have found that when they received the eggs in Boston (one shipment I know of in particular) that all of them were bad, and I think it was accounted for by the fact that the germ had started on account of the extremely hot weather during the trip.

The Chairman: I have noted a few points of importance for us to consider during the meeting; first, the advantage of trap nests for vitality, increase in the hatchability of our eggs. Keep the eggs as much as possible in a uniform position towards the thermostat. It is a relief to know that the eggs are not injured until the temperature goes over 106 degrees, although it is not advisable to hold them at that temperature. Do not cool the eggs so much when the incubator is running at a low temperature, but cool them down when you are running the incubator at a high temperature. Testing in the sunlight is more effective than testing by lamp light. The lowest point at which the germ in an egg will start is 70 degrees, and that impresses me with the fact that we ought to have only unfertile eggs for domestic purposes.

His First Love.

Editor American Fancier:

I will contract for space annually in The American Fancier, as I consider it my "first love" in the poultry paper line, having been a subscriber from its first issue.

JAMES E. N. FITCH.
Mt. Vernon, N. Y., May 21, 1906.

DRY FEEDING: THE NEW POULTRY CULTURE.

By A. F. Hunter, West Roxbury, Mass.

(Continued from July 28th Issue.)

"Doesn't that have a triumphant ring to it? Isn't that a most convincing proof of the great gain of dry-feeding? That, "We have never had so many eggs laid during the winter months by a like number of hens," and, "The number of hens loost during the winter has been less than ever before," covers the whole range of profitable work in egg production. When we get more eggs during the winter months and fewer birds die we may feel reasonably certain we are upon the right road, that we are making the best of success with our poultry work. Outside of the question of the substantial saving in labor, and there is a decidedly great gain there, the betetr growth of the youngsters, and the betetr health and the greater egg-yield of the laying stock, gives us the most convincing argument for adopting the dry-feeding method of caring for our poultry.

A Dog Story.

Here is a dog story on good second-hand evidence: A gentleman had a Newfoundland dog of great intelligence; he had also a pair of carriage horses which were far too fat. He told his coachman to dock their corn. This was done, but the steeds were as corpulent as ever. The coachman suspected that some member of the Society for Promoting the Comfort of Animals was surreptiously feeding the animals. He therefore concealed himself and watched. The dog came in, lumbered painfully up a ladder into a loft above the mangers, and shook an open sack of oats therein, so that the cereal fell into the mangers; the horses looked up and were fed.

The dog grew old, but was thought healthy enough. One day he was heard thumping with his tail on the dining room door. The door was opened, the dog rushed in, laid its forepaws on its master's breast, and, like Argos, the hound of Odysseus, "died in that greeting." This was a very sentimental dog.—Andrew Lang, in the Illustrated News.

Mutton Chops.

Don's forget to dip.

Even cull ewes to sell up to \$4.75.

It's a pretty coarse weed that sheep will not eat.

By all means dock your lambs and dock them early.

Fold the fleece with the bright side toward the market.

If you wish to do a mail order business in sheep you must advertise.

If you want to see your lambs smile prepare for them a patch of rape.

If there is better roughage than clover hay we would like to know what it is.

Good, big, strong lamb crops are the common report from all over the country.

He who breeds a certain breed of sheep because he likes it is pretty sure to succeed.

Owners of pure bred sheep and goats who do not advertise do not know what they are losing on that account.—American Sheep Breeder.

To The American Fancier:

It seems like old times to get The American Fancier in its up-to-date form. This first, the others afterwards. Wishing you success, I am,

Very respectfully,

ELLIS DUNTZ.
Glencoe Mills, N. Y., May 3, 1906.



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J. H. DREVENSTEDT, Editor.

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We take pleasure in publishing in this issue several replies to Mr. Game-well's article on Black Minorcas. One is from the pen of Mr. George H. Northrup, President of the American Minorca Club; the other written by Mr. Fred. Maunder, of Buffalo, New York. They speak for themselves and furnish interesting history on both Minorcas and club matters. Mr. Game-well invited thorough discussion on the subject he selected and unless all signs fail, his invitation will not lack of willing and earnest defenders of the Black Minorca fowl in America.

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Mr. T. E. Orr, Secretary of the American Poultry Association informs us that the new edition of the American Standard of Perfection has been ready since April 28th, and wishes us to correct our statement that it will be ready for delivery August first. We do this with pleasure but are at a loss to understand why our distributing agent in New York City has failed to receive the new edition up to the time of writing. An order for books sent June 17th brought back copies of the old (morocco bound) edition. No doubt there was some misunderstanding in this matter which has been adjusted so that new copies of the latest edition of the Standard will be mailed promptly after this.

Selling birds in the dull season is not an easy matter. The advertiser must know how to dispose of them. Mr. Louis Miler is one of the kind that knows how. He advertised in the American Fancier. Here is his letter: "I have to notify you that the advertisement in your paper and the notice that the editor gave in the American Fancier two weeks ago, has resulted in my disposing of my entire lot of Polish to S. G. Hoke & Son, Spring Forge, Pa. The deal was made on July 27th, and the birds shipped on the 30th." This is quick and profitable work. It pays to advertise—where it does most good and where results are obtained quickly. The American Fancier is published every week and reaches the best fanciers and consequently the best buyers.

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The subscription list of the American Fancier has increased one-third since March first. This is a remarkable record for this season of the year. The increase was legitimate and the result of extensive advertising and soliciting by agents. The American Fancier has a few surprises in store for its readers, and when the fall campaign opens in September, the new volume of the new American Fancier begins. It will be the most up-to-date publication in America. Owing to the increased circulation, rates for display advertising will be increased and changed to conform to existing conditions and also to make them more suitable for all concerned. All contracts received prior to September first are subject to old advertising rates.

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Editor Theodore Hewes, of the Inland Poultry Journal remarks: "If Editor Schurman doesn't let up on Editor Heck a lot of people who might have thought well of the Chicago Show may change their minds. For the good of the cause, Editor Heck re-

fuses to continue the controversy.

Now, brothers, take an outsider's advice, and both of you get busy and help Chicago have a real wide awake down-to-date show; one open and above board, something they never had yet."

Good advice, but not calculated to soothe the ruffled feelings of the Chicago management. The latter was criticised, not only by Mr. Heck, but by others. And not last year, but in other years. Editor Frank Heck has acted wisely in dropping a controversy that was too one-sided to be interesting. Men who were present at Chicago shows and had no financial interest in the latter and were thoroughly competent to express an opinion, did not hesitate to criticize the management for failing to place the Western Metropolis on a par with New York and Boston as far as poultry and pigeon shows are concerned.

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The place to advertise chickens is in a chicken paper. Merchants that have lace curtains for sale are not likely to advertise them in a paper devoted to farm implements or in the real estate Record. The old adage "A cobbler should stick to his last" is decidedly applicable in the subject touched upon. The American Fancier has tried side-line advertising with anything but flattering results. Even the suburban clientage of our most excellent publications devoted to its trade, has not responded to the "call of the chicken" in a way proportionate to the cost and importance of the "ad." and the business involved. Some interesting data on this subject will be published later.

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The "Committee of Fourteen" appointed by the American Poultry Association last January, will hold its opening session at the Modea Hotel, Mt. Clemens, Michigan, at 10 A. M., Tuesday, August 7th. Mt. Clemens is a suburb of Detroit, and a famous health resort and sanitarium the water and baths being famous for rheumatic and gouty individuals and others with minor or major infirmities of the body and possibly of the mind. It would prove a bang-up place for the wise men of old society to assemble and much good must result with such environments. Some of the boys can get "a good boiling out" and return home sound and kind in all harness. It would prove an ideal place for such conservative and dignified members of the committee as D. Lincoln Orr, and Henry V. Crawford. As the Association "pays the freight," the pleasure of the trip is greatly enhanced. Others not on the committee are invited to attend, but at their own expense, of course. We believe it will pay all who can afford the journey to be present at this meeting.

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Mr. D. Lincoln Orr has a lot of posters out with the announcement that he will pay fifty dollars reward for the arrest and conviction of the person or persons who stole a large bunch of his chickens on the night of July 24th, from his farm at Orr's Mills, New York. All his early hatched Wyandotte Cockerels were taken and the loss is a very serious one, as many of these birds were the cream of the season's mating and breeding, and represented a very large commercial value. Mr. Orr will be grateful for any

information leading to the detection of the thief or thieves.

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"Deacon" A. L. Sparks starts his fall advertising with this issue of the American Fancier. The writer of these notes paid the Deacon a brief visit last week and will in the next issue of the American Fancier give a description of Mr. Spark's Wyandotte Farm. The latter was designed by and built under his directions and is one of the largest and best equipped plants devoted to a single variety we have seen in many moons. The birds advertised by Mr. Sparks were bred and raised on his farm. The show records of the past decade are ample evidence of the high quality of the goods offered for sale.

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In one of the numerous catalogues that are as free as water, we find the following axiom: "To get fertile eggs not over seven hens should be put with one cock." Such advice may apply occasionally to the Cochins and Brahmas, but it is a sad libel on the Leghorn race.

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The condition of laying hens is an important factor in securing fertile eggs. If a hen is laying regularly there is apt to be no trouble regarding her condition. It must be excellent. A fat hen will not lay well, but her eggs are often as liable to hatch as the eggs from a lean hen forced for a large egg yield. Breeders of cattle know that a large milker is apt to be a hard breeder. High condition and large milk yields seemingly conspire to prevent conception. Fowls at large with good males seldom fail to produce eggs that will hatch, and the number of hens to a cock has less significance than is commonly supposed. A safe rule is perhaps ten Asiatics, twelve to fifteen Plymouth Rocks or Wyandottes, and fifteen to twenty Leghorns to one male.

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Pens should be mated early and the males should never be changed unless disabled. This, in our experience, will give the best results. Birds are very much inclined to colonize, and birds brought up in a coop will generally be found together even when full grown and removed to other quarters.

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Black comb and wattles often appear in fowls and are usually due to bad digestion and to the liver. We recently saw a very bad case, a cockerel having his comb and wattles almost black. They looked as if charred. The remedy usually is calomel, but none of the latter being at hand, a few Mandrake pills were given to the bird. The following day both comb and wattles resumed their natural bright red color, and the bird to all appearances completely restored to health.

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The latest Belgian remedy for diphtheritic roup is perchloride of iron. A feather dipped in a solution of the latter and applied to the mouth and throat of the fowl is said to cure the trouble. Next.

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Some genius is stuffing susceptible people with the statement that by feeding certain foods to hens, he can increase the size of the eggs they lay. There is only one safe way and that is to select hens that lay uniformly large sized eggs. Over-fat hens often begin

laying with abnormally large eggs, which soon decrease in size if the hen is active and in good condition. Eggs should be sold by weight. This would intend to improve the egg business.

A subscriber wants to know whether eggs intended for incubation must be turned every day. No, but keep them large end down in egg crates or on perforated shelves. Never allow them to lie around in baskets.

Try this feed for young chicks: One-fourth coarse Indian meal, one-fourth bran, one-fourth bruised rice, one-fourth ground oats; mix and feed dry in a covered trough. Twice a week add a little ground meat to the mixt. The above is easily prepared, will not freeze or spoil and the chickens will thrive on it.

A fairly prominent breeder excused the straw-colored plumage of a bird he sold on account of the yellow corn which he had fed the bird. This is about as bad as the breeder who intends feeding cayenne pepper to White Leghorns, hoping the plumage may be turned into buff.

Linseed meal is a very suitable food for chickens, but care should be taken not to feed too much of it. A gill for every ten or twelve fowls, mixed with the regular soft feed, can't be profitably fed every other day. Cottonseed meal we do not recommend, as it requires to be fed very carefully. An excess is dangerous.



Spring chickens are bringing from 24 to 28 cents per pound in markets, live weight in Baltimore. There is an over abundant supply of old hens, bringing from 12 to 15 cents per pound.

A Kansas City, Mo., paper says among the 500,000 cases of eggs received in Denver from Kansas, Oklahoma, Texas and Colorado points that fully 25,000 names and addresses of women and men with matrimonial intentions are found in the cases. Eggs coming from the rural districts often have the names of young women written on them, requesting the finder to write them. These eggpressions may make favorable impressions of romantic natures, while the eggs are in fresh condition, but if they attain theatrical age conditions, or "Miss" happens to write on an egg with a half-formed chick in it, she probably misses her opportunity of egging on a beau.

A good story telling exchange says: Last fall some boys that live in Caribou, Me., caught a large hawk in a trap, after he had killed a hen and failed to carry it away. A short time after there was a local fair over in New Brunswick. The managers offered five dollar prizes for the kite-flying machine, or any other old thing that would go the highest. The boys took the hawk and succeeded in making him go up the 1,600 feet of kite line. They got the prize and sold him for five dollars.

A Massachusetts woman in Farm and Home recommends the following white wash method for poultry houses:

Slice up one or more bars of laundry soap, boil it and add to 1 peck freshly slaked lime, with enough water to make a rich, paint-like wash. The soap secures an easy, smooth flow, very pleasing as to rapid application, possessing other merits also, as we know soap is abnoxious to vermin. We add 1 pint kerosene to each gallon of mixture, also 1 pound or more salt. Do good, thorough work and leave no corner or space untouched.

Another genius comes to the front. This time 'tis a man who claims he can grow potatoes in 60 days without any soil. He claims it is a "vineless potato." He buries them in warm sawdust, peat, straw or any earth product in cellar, garret, or housetop, and claims that in 60 days there will be clustered around the potato that was planted from 12 to 16 tubers as big as the original one. He claims the present method of surface vegetation is only one of securing nourishment, but in reality says that the vitality of the tuber. He has been experimenting more than 6 years. Now you can have a potato patch in a bin in the barn.

Whether the following ancient history is correct or not, as I have an opportunity of introducing Mr. Ben. C. Thornton who could consult his cabinet and tell me, I cannot say, so I give it without further comment:

"The sport of cockfighting seems to have originated with Themistocles of Greece. When he was leading an army against the Persians he noted two cocks in a desperate battle. To stimulate the courage of his soldiers he pointed out the bravery of the birds, and, having won his battle with the

Persians, he ordered that an annual cockfight should be held to celebrate his victory. In England the records show that the first cockfight took place in 1891." Perhaps our good friend Major Theodore Sternberg secured some information on this line, while in the Philippines and can tell us.

A Kansas paper tells about a Mr. Henry Decker, of Rome, Ohio, hatching eggs in a bee hive, and that it requires only 19 days to hatch the chicks. A bee hive is a stinging hot place almost any time, and no doubt would be a sweet place to hatch out chicks. To make the bee hive incubator a success would require some sort of armor suit and even then if the bees got real mad they'd make the young chicks miserable in short order. It is reported some one has recently imported stingless bees. They might solve the problem. Why not cross these stingless creatures with "lightning bugs" so to get them to work night and day? What's the use of half doing things?

Oversized Fowls.

With some breeders there is a tendency to unduly force fowls to create heavy weights. Where fowls are kept for eggs, and are desired for breeders, it is a question whether the abnormal specimens—those often forced beyond standard requirement—are really desirable, are not in fact detrimental in securing best results. Oversized specimens often are coarse, and lack the typical shape of the breeds they represent. Forcing nature in any respect is a transgression that is sooner or later penalized. There is no doubt some breeds which can be somewhat increased in weight or size without harm—but the experiments in such direction should be slow and careful. The specimens that with the usual feeding methods which outgrow others of the same age, may, by selection, for several seasons accomplish desirable results. Forcing methods make market products, but not the desirable breeders one wants to keep up his stock. Selection of the choicest specimens each season, those of earliest maturity, size and true type of the breed, normal specimens, but a little better than the average run of the flock, will always bring satisfactory results. On this subject we find the following in the London Mail:

The question as to the size of bird to keep is a more important one than most poultry breeders realize, and mistakes in this direction are only too frequent, one of the most common being that of breeding from oversized birds. Of all the tiresome inmates of the poultry yard a big, clumsy male bird is the worst, and he is sure to be a great disappointment, because a large number of eggs from his pen will be found unfertile. It is the sprightly, active normal sized bird that is the good breeder, the sure getter of fertile eggs and, more than that, the begetter of the right kind of stock—chicks that thrive and grow well. There is another point—the big framed birds carry an undue amount of bone, which is waste, and such are less desirable in the market. Being coarse looking and rangy, they are passed by for the more compact birds which show a proper proportion of meat and bone. Then, again, these big boned and coarse birds eat more and lay less than the natural sized ones; therefore never try to breed oversized fowls, neither hens nor cocks.

Origin of the Orange.

It is to India, and to the Arabs as middlemen, that Europe, and through Europe America, owe this familiar fruit. The orange crossed from Africa to Spain with Mohammedanism, while, probably, the Crusaders are to be thanked for bringing it to Italy and Western Europe among their trophies of the East. The very name is really Arabic—"naranj"—and of Eastern origin, though the legend that it comes from two words meaning "elephant" and "be ill," because elephants ate oranges to make themselves ill, is absurd. Probably in French the initial "n" is dropped off from naranj with the final "n" of the indefinite article, just as our "an apron" represents a "napron," and the spelling with an "o" points to false associations with "or" (gold).—Economista, Havana.

A Great Agricultural Station.

By the largest gift the university of Cal. has ever received, provision is made for a great agricultural experiment station near Fresno. The noted "Fruit Vale" estate of the late M. Theo. Kearney, valued at from \$800,000 to \$900,000 and including 5400 acres of fruit orchards, vineyards and ornamental grounds, together with houses, barns and a \$20,000 adobe dwelling, has been left to the agricultural department of the university.

In addition to the Kearney station, Cal. will have established a pathological station at Riverside and a laboratory for plant diseases at Whittier, in the southern part of the State. The Davis Bell station will provide for the central and northern parts of the State.

Benefits of Thinning Fruits.

The benefits derived from thinning fruits may be briefly summarized as follows:

First—Thinning preserves the vitality of the tree by lessening the production of seed.

Second—Thinning, if systematically and persistently done, will cause the tree to bear crops more regularly. Off years are in most cases due to the fact that the trees are allowed to overbear one year, and during that year few, if any, fruit buds can be formed. Most kind of fruit trees cannot produce a large crop and mature fruit buds at the same time.

Third—Thinning lessens the loss occasionally by rot and other fungus diseases of the fruit by eliminating the danger of infection by contact. It also in a measure prevents the appearance and the spread of disease by permitting better ventilation and drying of the fruit inside of the trees.

Fourth—Thinning will produce larger fruit.

Fifth—Thinning will produce a better colored fruit by admitting more sunlight into the trees.

Sixth—Thinning tends to ripen the fruit more uniformly.

Seventh—Thinning will produce a more salable and higher-priced fruit by reason of the increase in size, higher color and general appearance.

Eighth—Thinning will preserve the shape of the tree and prevents the breaking of overloaded branches.—Maryland Experiment Station Bulletin No. 82.

Advertise in The American Fancier and get results.

Test Your Drinking Water.

In many localities there are wells and water supplies which have a bad reputation and the users would like to know if the water is safe for drinking. State experiment stations will make chemical analysis of samples, which are carefully taken and sent in good shape.

To secure a good sample allow the water to flow from the well or other source for some time before taking the sample.

Secure a glass bottle holding at least two quarts, and cleanse thoroughly with sand, boiling water, etc., until it is perfectly clean. Rinse it a number of times with the water to be sampled before filling. Take the sample from as near the center of the stream as possible.

Fill the bottle under water and place a clean cork in it before removing from the water. Then taken out the cork and pour out a small quantity of the sample, after which place the stopper in tightly and tie down well with a clean cloth or seal with wax. Let as little air get to the sample as possible and send it to the State chemist at once. Analysis of such a sample will usually show any impurities.—Farm and Home.

Seems Good to Him.

To The American Fancier: It seems good to get the Fancier in the good old way, and there is but one "American Fancier," and that is when "Drey" is the Editor. We hope that all the cranks in hendom will do their little bit to push a good thing along.

Yours truly,
ERMARTEL POULTRY YARDS,
H. G. Ruth, Mgr.
Olean, N. Y.

Farm, Field and Garden

BY G. O. BROWN

It is reported that Luther Burbank has produced a carnation which changed its color three times on the first three days it came into bloom. On the first day the carnation would be pure white, the second day a beautiful pink, while on the third day it changed its raiment to deep red, and with this color it continued till the flower faded.

An enterprising florist in San Francisco created an endless lot of trouble for Burbank. On St. Patrick's Day he dyed the tips of some beautiful white carnations green and palmed them off as the latest creation of Luther Burbank for Irish patriots.

Louisa M. Alcott speaks thus of Mother Earth's refreshment:

Nothin' like green grass and woody smells to right folks up. When I was a gal, if I got riled in my temper or low in my mind, I just went out and grubbed in the garden, or made hay, or walked a good piece, and it fetched me round beautiful. Never failed; so I came to see that good fresh dirt is fust-rate physic for folks' spirits as it is for wounds, as they tell on.

The latest London innovation is a fruit restaurant, which quite puts into shade the vegetarian cafe. At this restaurant, which is in the neighborhood of Piccadilly, all the meals served are concoctions of choice fruit prepared in all possible ways. There are even fruit sandwiches. The meals are served amidst surroundings which are sumptuously floral—all rose and other seasonable flowers.—London News.

"Apple Sass" is now fashionable, and the markets abound with fine harvest apples. Not every one knows that the best flavored apple sauce is to be had by stewing the fruit with the skins on. The finest flavor of the apple lies next to the skin. A baked apple readily proves it. To make the best apple sauce, wash the fruit well, core, quarter and stew. When thoroughly cooked put through a collander or fine sieve or fruit press made for the purpose, then add sugar to suit taste. Some prefer to use no sugar, letting every one suit themselves, as some are especially fond of the acid without any sweetening.

It will be time to sow turnip seed August 1st, for the late crop. It is a good plan to sow spinach seed with the turnip seed, sowing about the usual quantity in the combination that is used for either seeding alone. Prepare the ground thoroughly, then go over with a light roller, harrow again and sow the seed and follow with a light harrow.

Separated milk as a food for calves when fed direct from the machine makes a model milk food. Careful experiments show that practically as good calves can be raised on separated milk direct from the machine as can be raised on whole milk, provided the butter fat lost in the removal of the cream is replaced by linseed meal, cornmeal or flour or molasses.—American Cultivator.

The following curious custom is described in an exchange:

In any Servian village there is only one swineherd and he leads all the pigs of the community. In the morning he goes through the streets blowing his horn and the pigs come out of their own accord and fall in behind him and follow him to the pasture. At night he brings them home and they disperse to their sties in the same orderly way as they pass the houses to which they belong.

Replying to an inquiry as to tomato rot, Professor Gulley of Connecticut, says in American Agriculturist that the disease attacks the fruit from half grown till nearly ripe. Usually it is bad on the very early kinds, as the conditions are best at that season of growth—that is, hot combined with damp weather. The remedies are mostly preventive. First, get the vines up off the ground, where they can get plenty of dry air. This alone will often do much to control the trouble. Several sprayings at intervals of ten days about midsummer with bordeaux of usual strength will keep the vines free from blight and strong to resist this disease. There is also some evidence that it helps to prevent rot.

The Paris Chauffeur's League has arranged for a competition to test the value of different kinds of motor-car springs. A vessel containing milk will be carried by each car, and the race will be run over rough roads in a given time. The chauffeur who arrives at the end of the course with the most milk will win a silver medal says an exchange. An additional prize should be given for the one having the most butter.

California's grand grape vine in the Carpinteria Valley is a world wonder. It was planted 64 years ago by a Spanish woman. It now measures at the ground 9 feet in circumference, five feet above ground, 7 feet 11 inches. At a height of six feet it branches in five directions. The longest runner at present is 76 feet. The trelles, which is entirely covered over is 100x110 feet. Largest crop ever actually weighed out was ten tons in 1895, and this did not include some miscellaneous contributed to visitors. The largest clusters are reported to have weighed from 9 to 10 pounds each. A pretty good vine to hold a family picnic under, eh.

Experiments at the Oklahoma station have shown the following to be superior to spraying with paris green, formerly recommended: Thoroughly mix while dry one pound of paris green and fifty pounds of wheat bran. Make moist, but not sloppy, by adding water in which a quart of cheap molasses has been dissolved. Place this mixture in spoonful piles where the worms are working. It attracts the worms from the wheat and oats. It is also good grasshopper poison.

The Evolution of the Poultry House. By Prof. Jas. Rice, Cornell University, Ithaca, N. Y.

I must confess that I came up here with a selfish motive of getting more out of it than I give in; not that I would not be willing to give all I could, but I feel that I could learn more than I could possibly tell you. I have learned a great deal already, and have got two or three thoughts that have been brand new. I want to thank Mr. Graham for calling out this experience for you from practical feeders. We have not been doing it so extensively, yet we already have three cramming machines at the University of three different types, and we are going to put our students through the process. We are trying a little experiment, and I will take up my topic with the lantern slides. We are running a fattening experiment at the University more for the sake of a principle than a practical one. Our professors want to know what the effect of sugar or sweetening material of any kind would have in the fattening of fowls or any other live stock, and we are carrying out an experiment for them. I cannot give the results because it has only been running for a wee. We feed them in little pens something like yours, and they eat what they wish three times a day. We feed them all the same ration, except one pen, and they get a little molasses in the ration, enough to mix it up. The chickens eat it ravenously, more so than the other rations, and they make more rapid growth. We are feeding a run of corn meal and wheat middlings very largely and we use milk and molasses.

Q. What does that molasses cost?

A. We have not made any practical test of that. We just send to the grocery store and ask for the cheapest they have, and if it turns out that there is any practical value in it then we are going right at it and find out whether or not we could make a practical application of it.

Q. What proportion are you using,

A. We simply mix up the molasses with it, and it makes them eat more of it.

A member: There is a lot of molasses used in this country in feeding cattle.

Prof. Rice: They are making such good gain that it seems there might be something of practical value in it. We do not know very much about the hen's digestion, and we have to assume that it is something the same as other animals. We are teaching the value of nutritive rations, to show how radically different corn meal is from pea meal, how different gluten meal is from buckwheat meal, and how similar alfalfa meal is to wheat bran, and it will show that in wheat screenings the actual amount of protein it contains is almost identical with that of clear wheat and has less starchy matter in it, and it is nearer a ration than wheat. Dr. Wheeler has figured it out more carefully than anyone else as to how much protein a flock of hens ought to have, and how much carbohydrate, and you could teach that to your class; but if you were to weigh up the different flocks of each herd and figure out just how much they weigh and feed them rations and give them the same amount of dry matter and the same amount of protein, carbohydrates, etc., some of them would not get fat enough and some would

get too much;—the reason being that we have entirely different combinations to deal with. What would apply to one individual to-day would not apply in a month or two. In other words, hens laying rapidly will eat more food than when they are not laying rapidly. We balance our rations so as to give our students a general idea of what they ought to have, but at the same time actual practice tells us that some of the hens do not get enough by that experiment, and some of them get more than they can pick up. The actual science of feeding is to use good judgment, and the feeder should know his animals and know what they can eat. I was asked yesterday for my opinion of the wet and dry mash, and I said that I referred to withhold judgment. meant that in this way: we as poultrymen are apt to go to extremes when some new idea comes up. We jump at conclusions. I feel that the subject of dry feeding has got more of merit in it than any new idea that has come up in recent years, and yet there are a lot of things that will probably occur in the next few years as to its effect on vitality, and perhaps there will be a modification of this method of dry feeding, and as to whether or not it is advisable to feed some boiled vegetables with liquid juice from meat. We have tried three pens of White Leghorns. We knew the strains, and we divided them equally among three pens, and we fed them on the same kind of grain and the same amount of soft feed. The soft ration was made up of wheat bran, corn meal, and meat scraps, and wheat middlings about equal parts, and the grain ration was for part of the time wheat and oats, with a little corn and the rest of the time equal parts. Whatever applies to one pen applies to the other three. The experiment has been running now about nine months, and the result is that the first pen, which was fed the whole grain in the litter morning and night with a soft mash feed at noon mixed up with water, led the procession in egg production for the first five months right straight through. My heart went down, because I must tell you that although we were after the truth, and did not care where the lightning struck, yet I had a personal feeling, and I hoped the easier way of putting the feed out in the hopper and just opening it up once a day or leaving it open all the while would have the best results. The second pen got their grain morning and night just the same as the first pen, but they got their feed in the hopper in the afternoon every hour or two, and the third pen we fed with the whole grain in the morning and whole grain in the hopper day and night right straight through. The pen that had the hopper open all the while gave us better results, but at the end of the five months the dry feed pens began to pick up just about moulting time. The hens that had soft mash did not moult for four to six weeks, and then when the cold weather struck it put them nearly out of business, and the two dry feed pens have been ahead ever since. What the result will be at the end of twelve months I do not know. I think we can afford to take a few less eggs, because it saves a lot of labor, and the only question is whether it will keep up the vitality.

[To be Continued.]



RABBIT NOTES.

We have received so many requests from the subscribers of the American Fancier, asking us to publish some articles on the Rabbit and Belgian Hare fancy, that we have decided to devote a little space in this week's issue for the benefit of those interested.

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We take pleasure in publishing two articles by Mr. W. R. Brown. Mr. Brown has had a great deal of experience in raising Belgian Hares and Rabbits, and his articles show that he has made a thorough and careful study of the breeding and handling of this stock.

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We have often heard people say that the Belgian Hare business is greatly over-estimated. It is true that, from a business standpoint, the results obtained may have been a trifle exaggerated; yet, on the other hand, we do not think that the people who talk in this manner, have entered very deeply into the business. In the first place, you must not only buy good stock, but the best; you will never regret the few extra dollars you have spent for this purpose. In the second place, Belgians must be carefully and properly fed. They must have plenty of green stuff, and we know of nothing better to feed than carrots. A rabbitry of ordinary size can consume what seems to the beginner an enormous amount, so it is well for the breeders of Belgians to have their own carrot bed. The results of feeding this vegetable will convince one most quickly of the necessity of this. Furthermore, while a great deal of space is not necessary for breeding hares, still the difference can easily be noticed between those who have had plenty of fresh air and room. Therefore, if you cannot get pedigreed stock or its equal, and cannot give the proper food and space to them, you will certainly agree with those who say that the profit in the Belgian Hare business is over-estimated.

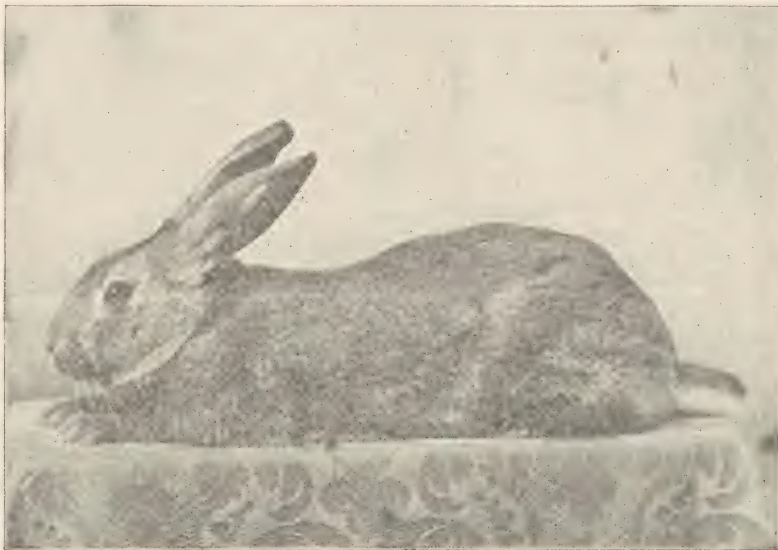
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It is true in this business, as it is in the Poultry and Pigeon Fancy, that to be successful you must find pleasure in it. Without this, you will never have the knowledge and experience necessary to success.

Belgian Hares.

For the benefit of beginners I shall in brief describe a good specimen. The standard calls for perfection, but that it never attained. We must keep

it in view, however. The color is hard to describe. It should be a rich rufus or golden tan, as clear and deep as possible, and carried well down to the skin, and also extend down the sides of body. Possibly the hips are the most difficult to get just right. The ticking, (black pointed hairs) beginning behind the shoulders, should be of a wavy appearance. Too much ticking has the tendency of giving the hare a smudgy appearance and should be avoided. The head should be long and thin and void of ticking except in centre of forehead. Ears, fine, thin and long; covered with hair on outer surface and laced with a narrow band of rich black on upper edges, and carried closely together with a slightly backward tendency. Eyes, large, bold and bright. Belly, creamy white. I have produced specimens of decidedly reddish color in this section. Feet should also be red and all red; not barred, spotted or streaked with white. This is an essential point. Feet and legs should be long and slender; not chubby, but with plenty of daylight underneath. Belly and flanks well tucked up like a race horse. The crowning glory is the graceful arch



from shoulder over rump. This is not only a matter of breeding but training, as a frightened Belgian will crouch down. This is a brief outline of what a first-class specimen should be. Now let the beginner compare his scrub stock with this ideal and it will make him wish for something better. The right kind can be produced just as cheaply as any, costs no more and is much more beautiful and valuable. It will produce just as much meat and give the breeder an opportunity of selling breeding stock at paying prices. Hence there is little advantage derived by starting with the best.

Some days since a caller came to look over stock. He had been reading about Belgians and had seen common stock. He had a notion to go into breeding, but was not decided whether to get pedigreed blood or the ordinary. He however at once saw the contrast between what he had seen and what he now saw and very much desired to have some of the right kind—but the price!

Five dollars or so for a pair ready to breed and of good average quality is not a fancy price, while extra good ones are worth more yet these are considered long figures by many.

W. R. BROWN.

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Lop-Eared Rabbits.

Although good specimens of the lop-eared rabbit always carry their ears in a proper position, it does not always follow that the young of even the best breed will take after their parents, and so we see young lops with one ear drooping, and the other erect, or both ears carried horizontally. Lops are not so prolific as common rabbits or Belgian hares, so that if one raises four litters in a season he is doing well; and as these run from five to eight in a litter, he ought to expect, if his stock is good, to have a few good ones in the lot, and one or two good ones in a season is considered good work. The pleasure and possibilities of lop breeding are so great and there is so much of beauty, gracefulness and gentleness about them that a fancier even though he may not be as successful as he desires, will find a never ending amount of enjoyment in caring for them, studying their habits, and pairing them for their improvement, that will pay him for all the attention he may devote to them and for all the money he may invest in stock, feed and conveniences for them.

W. R. BROWN.

Roosters, per lb.....	@ 9
Turkeys, per lb.....	@ 10
Spring Ducks, Long Island, per lb.....	@ 14
Ducks—Western, old, per pair.....	70 @ 80
Southern, old, per pair.....	@ 45
Spring Ducks, Southern, per pair.....	@ 30
Geese, per pair.....	90 @ 1 50
Live Pigeons, per pair.....	@ 25

DRESSED POULTRY.—Some scattering lots of delayed stock came in. Fowls have cleaned up pretty closely and feeling steady, but spring chickens are decidedly lower and weak under pressure to clean up, and in expectation of lower prices next week. Long Island spring ducks have cleaned up fairly well and feeling steady. Squabs very dull and weak. Frozen broilers and roasting chickens are fairly well cleaned up from first hands, but very little movement in any other description of frozen poultry.

FRESH KILLED.

Turkeys—average lots.....	@ 13
Poor to medium.....	11 @ 12
Philadelphia, dry-picked, fancy.....	23 @ 25
Philadelphia, dry-picked, average run.....	20 @ 22
N. Y. & Pa., dry-picked, fancy.....	21 @ 22
N. Y. & Pa., dry-picked, average run.....	18 @ 20
Western, dry-picked, fancy.....	20 @ 21
Western, dry-picked, average.....	16 @ 18
Western, scalded, fcy.....	19 @ 20
Western, scalded, average	16 @ 18
Southern & Southwestern, average.....	15 @ 17
Poor.....	10 @ 13

Fowls—	
Philadelphia, dry-picked, fancy.....	@ 14½
Philadelphia, dry-picked, average run.....	@ 14
Western, dry-picked, selected, bbls.....	@ 14
Western, dry-picked, average run.....	@ 13½
Western, dry-picked, poor to med.....	11 @ 13
Southern & Southwestern, dry-picked, selected bbls	13½ @ 14
Western, scalded, selected bbls.....	@ 14
Western, scalded, average run.....	@ 13½
Western, scalded, poor to medium.....	11 @ 13
Southern & Southwestern, scalded, selected bbls...	13½ @ 14

Other Poultry—	
Old cocks, dry-picked.....	@ 8½
Old cocks, scalded.....	@ 8½
Ducklings, Long Island & Eastern.....	12 @ 12½
Ducklings, other near-by.....	@ 12
Geese, spring, Eastern, white.....	@ 18
Squabs, prime white, 8 lbs to doz, per dozen.....	@ 3 00
Squabs, prime white, 7 lbs to doz, per dozen.....	@ 2 00
Squabs, prime white, 6½ lbs to doz, per doz.....	1 50 @ ..
Squabs, mixed, per doz.....	1 25 @ 1 50
Squabs, dark, per doz.....	1 25 @ 1 37
Squabs, culls, per doz.....	50 @ 60

FROZEN.

Turkeys—Hens, No. 1.....	18 @ 19
Toms, No. 1.....	@ 19
Toms, No. 2.....	12 @ 14
Old Toms, No. 1.....	17½ @ 18
Capons—Western, 8 lbs and over, each.....	@ 19
Western, under 8 lbs each	17 @ 18
Broilers—	
Milk-fed, dry-picked, 4 lbs and under to pair.....	18 @ 20
Milk-fed, dry-picked, over 4 lbs to pair.....	15 @ 16
Dry-picked, 4 lbs and under to pair, No. 1.....	16 @ 17
Dry-picked, over 4 lbs to pair.....	12½ @ 13
Scalded, 4 lbs and under to pair, No. 1.....	15 @ 16
No. 2.....	10 @ 11
Roasting Chickens—	
Milk-fed, dry-picked, fcy.....	16 @ 17
Fancy, soft meat.....	@ 15
Average, No. 1.....	12 @ 14
Chickens—No. 2.....	8 @ 10
Fowls—No. 1.....	12½ @ 13
No. 2.....	8 @ 10
Ducks—No. 1.....	@ 12
No. 2.....	10 @ 11
Geese—No. 1.....	10 @ 11
No. 2.....	8 @ 9

The American Fancier is It.

To The American Fancier:
Sold Indians Monday. Discontinue the advertisement. The American Fancier is "it," and I'm with you.

Yours truly,

F. M. THOMAS.

Catskill, N. Y., May 2, 1906.

A1 in Advertising.

Editor American Fancier:
Sorry we did not get in with the bunch earlier in the season, but our brief experience proves to us that your paper is A1 in advertising.

E. S. FREEMAN,

Manager Universal Regulator Co.

Plainville, Conn.

NEW YORK MARKET.

(From the Journal of Commerce, July 30.)
EGGS.—Receipts 10,062 cases. The week is closing with no new features. There has been rather a quieter trade for a few days and some receivers have a little stock unsold, consisting generally of medium and lower qualities. Prime to choice goods are well cleared, and for such prices maintain a firm tone. Dirties and checks of choice quality are in good demand, but comparatively few of the receipts are worth top quotations; ordinary lots move slowly.

State, Pa., & nearby, selected, white, fancy.....	24 @ 25
State, Pa., & nearby, selected, white, good to choice.....	22 @ 23
State, Pa., & nearby, white, ordinary to good.....	19 @ 21
State, Pa., and nearby, mixed colors, extras.....	22 @ 23
State, Pa., & nearby, mixed, extra-firsts.....	20 @ 21
State, Pa., & nearby, firsts.....	18½ @ 19
Western, selected, finest.....	19 @ 19½
Western, firsts.....	18 @ 18½
Western, seconds.....	16½ @ 17½
Western, thirds.....	15½ @ 16
Kentucky, fresh gathered.....	15½ @ 17
Dirties, per dozen.....	12 @ 14½
Checks, per dozen.....	9 @ 12½

The official quotation of the New York Mercantile Exchange is 18@18½c for Western firsts.

LIVE POULTRY.—One more car arrived by freight and there are now four carloads held on the track by receivers, which will be carried over into next week. Jobbers on the market are carrying about six carloads, mostly spring chickens. There is very little trading and prices unchanged. Fowls have cleaned up fairly well and feeling steady, but chickens weak. Other live poultry quiet and unchanged.

Spring chickens, Western, lb.....	@ 17
Spring chickens, Southern and Southwestern.....	@ 17
Fowls, per lb.....	@ 13½

Pigeon Fancy, Flying and Pet Stock

EDITED BY H. M. POCKMAN

The small and select lofts are indicative of care, quality and thought, purity of breeding upon an intelligent basis, and apart from the general absence of sickness in such lofts, its few occupants with ample space enable the owner to bestow upon his birds a proper and thorough care in the management of handling, training and breeding.

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Mr. Agnew J. Kern writes that owing to his increasing poultry business will have to dispose of all pigenos. This loft contains a stud which has been purchased from the best breeders, and neither time nor expense has been spared in getting together this grand stud. They will be sold at a bargain to clear the loft.

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To the young fancier, keep as few pairs as possible, and if he cannot tell at a glance in an instant every bird in his coop, together with its pedigree and history, then he has too many and should unload. It is quality he needs, not quantity.

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To the inexperienced, a large and crowded loft would signify flying strength, etc., but it is no such thing. The young fancier should be careful against such ideas of the purchase of stock from such lofts. It is the steady flying fancier with ten, fifteen or twenty pairs at the most of selected and tried birds in his loft that the young fancier should look to and purchase from.

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Young birds are unquestionably close setters, very attentive to their nest and young, and some remarkably speedy and reliable workers raised from very young parents, chiefly abroad. But I am inclined to think such is far more the exception than the rule.

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If the truth were known where one early hatched youngster proves successful, hundreds are dropped and many never thrive.

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So very many of our flying fanciers engage in the old bird races in May, both cocks and hens, from whom they look for the breeding of the season's youngsters, that by thus permitting the hens to expend considerable of their vitality in feeding and raising young in the early months of January and February, how in the name of reason can they expect these parent birds to do thorough flying service?

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Do not breed out of season, that is, earlier than the middle of February and later than June, and but sparingly at that. If this is followed, both old and young will give a better account of themselves, and the quality of the loft greatly will be enhanced.

No doubt the crop of miserably developed youngsters of January and early February hatch will be as fruitful as ever, despite the warnings of those who speak from experience for we have many severe and wintry days and nights and quite unfit for the perfect and satisfactory development of young birds intended to be worked to 200 miles in August, and by some beyond this distance.

Tumblers.

The Tumbler family is a large one, taking in all the different varieties of flying Tumblers, Birmingham rollers, tipplers, bald heads, beards, etc., not mentioning the short-faced varieties, which are many. Then we have the inside or parlor Tumbler, which is unable to fly at all, owing to this peculiar habit of falling backwards, contrasting strongly with the high soaring Macclesfield tippler. Good birds of the latter breed will fly all day without showing the least desire to tumble. Tumblers are bred for tumbling, tiplers for flying only. Every variety has its admirers, some breeding for one object, others for another. Personally, I care little about how a bird should be marked, the object being to get plenty of grit, bone and muscle so that they will not only be able to fly a long time, but do it in a praiseworthy manner. But whatever the object of the fancier be, let him take hold with a will and a determination to be on the top. Start with the very best obtainable, keep no more varieties than you can properly handle. I well remember when quite a boy, in 1864, I gave my father no peace until he promised to get me a few pigenos and how proud I was when he eventually brought me home two pairs of Black Carriers. But I soon got dissatisfied with the Carriers. About that time, a gentleman fancier in the neighborhood started to fly a kit of black bald Tumblers, and I should live to the age of Methuselah I shall never forget the impression made on my mind by that kit of birds. From that time on, until the present day, I have been a chronic high-flyer. High flying is a very pleasant pastime, and I would like to see more of it here with us. So boys, get together and train your young ones well. Pick out all faulty flyers, and breed only from the best. If this rule is followed out closely, you will soon have your birds to perfection. Let us have good friendly competition, both in the show room, and in a good national flying contest, in some way or other. Let us take full pleasure out of your little pets. Hoping that some little good may come from this, I am with you all the way through.

M. E. BROWN.

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The Nun.

From its striking contrast of colors, this beautiful breed of pigeons has a great many admirers. It is one of a few varieties that are supposed to have been evolved from the Tumbler, and it is of either German or Dutch origin. The name is derived from its peculiar marking on the head, which looks as if it was covered by a veil. This is more striking in the black than in any other color.

The Nun is a very hardy variety, and one that it quite capable of rearing its own offspring, therefore it is a capital variety for a young fancier to start with, especially as it requires no extra care besides cleaning, so essential to all pigeons, more especially white birds. There is very little doubt but that this variety would be far more popular if it was not for the wholesale trimming that it is subject to. I don't think there is another variety that undergoes the same preparations for the show pen as the subject of these notes. Judges cannot be too cautious in handling Nuns, as it is very disheartening to the young fancier to find birds inferior to his own, yet placed above them, owing to presenting a better appearance, although it is not genuine.

The Nun is to be found in various colors, among others, black, red, yellow, dun and blue. The blacks are by far the most numerous, and the color, as a rule, is fairly good, yet there is room for improvement in this point. The marking of this variety is as follows: The head colored as far back as the shell, which ought to be white, without any colored feathers, whatever, the color should extend down the front line of the throat and run down well to the breast, it should be nice and even down the side of the neck, not presenting a jagged appearance. This portion is called the bib. A good low bib is, as a rule, accompanied by another important characteristic—that of evenly marked flights. When one is good the other is usually of the required standard also. The tail is the only other portion of this variety that is colored.

The principal feature of the Nun is the shell. This, to be perfect, should form a complete crescent at the back of the head standing quite upright; the higher it reaches the better. It ought to be pure white, without any back or colored feathers on it. This is the one property that is prone to trimming, as it is very difficult to get the side next the skull entirely free from foul feathers.

The next point of importance is the uniformity of the flights already alluded to. This, to reach the standard of perfection should number ten aside. Moore, in his time, was content with six each side; but that would hardly satisfy a present day not to be less than eight aside; odd numbers are sometimes found, and should not be objected to unless they run too irregular. For instance, nine and ten or eight and nine are good enough; but seven and nine are not desirable. The color of the flights should be nice and deep, and not slaty, as very often is the case.

The young fancier must be very careful at this season of the year when pairing up the birds not to put together two birds both of which are under-flighted, if he would desire to improve this one point. If the cock, for instance, is only 7x7, the hen should

be at least 10x10.

The tail from the root ought to be the same color as the flights, i. e., as deep as it is possible to get it. The legs and feet must be entirely free from foul feathers. The bib is the only other property of any consequence; it must be nice, large, and even, not ragged, as is very often the case; it should finish off at the bottom with a nice round appearance.

The head of this variety should be fairly round, somewhat similar to the Tumbler, only more round. The beak of the Nun is often met with very faulty; it should resemble a flying Tumbler, and ought to show the same substance in both mandibles as much as possible. In blacks the color of the beak ought to be white or pearly. Orange eyes are very often to be met, but are not nearly so effective as the pearly; the eye cere should be very fine, and in the blacks it should be very dark in color.

Red and yellow Nuns are sometimes to be met with in the show pen, but it is very seldom, which is rather a pity, as they are both very handsome and attractive colors when seen good. They are marked the same as blacks. In size the Nun is a little larger than the Magpie. They are compact birds with more upright carriages, which adds to their general appearance. As before stated, Nuns are a very hardy variety; consequently they do not require much extra attention. What principally require is a very clean house, on account of so much plumage and a good bath twice a week. This, along with good food and plenty of grit, and they are bound to do well and prove a most successful pigeon.

A. HELD.

A Voice From the Mountains.

"With such an array from the Skeeter State alone, what can be expected when the other States like Pennsylvania, New York and New England, send strings of birds is obvious. We look for greatest boom in Game Bantams next season these popular varieties have ever experienced."—American Fancier, July 7, 1906.

We're watching for the winners

In our yards, too;

We see their legs grow longer

Every day;

We hear the word from Jersey,

But we're not "Blue,"

For we are the fastest

Race to stay.

Yes, some may have them longer

In the wings,

And some perchance, have birds

With softer down;

But pardon us these naughty

Little flings.

For from the mountains, we

Must come to town.

Sometimes our hearts grow very

Sore and sad,

With many buds of promise

Laid away,

And though no winner deigns

To make us glad,

We shall, in the Bantam alley be

To stay.

—F. D. E. Stowe, of New England.

Harry—Lost many pigeons lately, Bill?

William—Aye, that I have. I'm thinking of crossing them wiv parrot so they can ask their way back home.

PIGEON HINTS FOR JULY.

(Continued from July 28th Issue.)

In all cases of the kind that I have heard of, the first signs have always been the same, and this has been shown by a looseness and rustiness of the feathers about the body, and more especially on the wings, the thighs, and under part of the body, the chest, and sometimes the neck. At first this condition of the feather might be overlooked, ignored, or put down to the want of a bath. But soon the change becomes so evident than anyone with a thought or care for the welfare of his stock could not fail to discover that all was not going on as it should do, and he should make a thorough examination of the birds showing such signs of bad condition. Once taken in hand, it will be found that the feathers are dry and harsh to the touch; that some may be missing, and, it may be, showing slight gaps here and there, while in all probability it will be found in many instances that the bird is thinner and poorer in body than it should be. By this time, too, it may be observed that although the birds have already brought up one nest of young ones, and have made some attempt at a fresh nest, yet no eggs have appeared; or when at last these have been produced they have been of much smaller size, or have been deficient in shape, rough in appearance, and lacking the fine glaze and finish of the normal egg. Upon as of a temporary nature, and such symptoms are a certain indication that for the time being the bird is not in a suitable condition for continuing the breeding operations, and the sooner it is separated and put through the strengthening course of treatment recommended the sooner it will recover its former good condition and be of further use as a stock producer. If, again, no heed is taken of such signs, plain and evident though they may be, the trouble is likely to develop into what is known as "feather rot," "rotten feather," or "rotten moult." Here it will be seen that the gaps on the wing become larger and more evident, and the lighter under-colour of the feathers showing up in patches, the feathers on the neck and chest will become harsh and brittle, will break off short or fall out, leaving bare patches of skin, and giving the bird a most disreputable appearance. On the neck and breast the casting of the small feathers will be still more apparent, while a similar course will take place on other parts of the body, especially just behind the wattle, until bare patches of more or less extent will make their appearance, and thus prove conclusively that the greater trouble has set in and "feather rot" is in full swing. In other cases, again, the blood will be found to be in a very poor or impure state, and this may be shown by an eruption of the skin; or, again, it may be that there is disease of the feather-producing organs. In such cases the feeding may be at fault, and the attack intensified by a too free use of heating and stimulating food, such as nemp, or where maize is used for birds kept in close confinement. Still another phase of the disease, when the weakness is hereditary, and often the result of too close in-breeding, is when the weakness shows itself in the breeding stock before the season is far advanced, and more or less early, according to the nature of the weather at the beginning of the year, and the strain of breed-

ing acting on the enfeebled constitution.

The former cases can be looked once the bird has been carefully tended and brought into proper condition again no further ill effects may follow; but in the latter it means only patching up the case for the time being, with the certainty of its making its appearance again the next year when placed under the same conditions and strain. Worse still, it has been proved that nearly all young ones bred from such parents will themselves show signs of the disease at an early age, when, of course, both old and young become useless for stock purposes and have to be discarded from the breeding loft. Here again the separation and tonic-and-oil course will be found of great service, and when the blood is in an impure state the addition of a pinch of Epsom salts occasionally will have a good and purifying effect on the life fluid. The food given should be good, plain, and strengthening, and mostly of a nitrogenous nature, such as maple peas, tares, and lentils, with a little good old wheat or barley, while all stimulating grain should be excluded. A bath should be given when the weather is warm, and as soon as the birds begin to mend; but when there has been much loss of feather they should be guarded carefully against cold winds, draughts, and sudden changes of temperature, or there may be the further complication of roup or canker, when the danger will be greater and the hope of a cure more remote. Lastly, the growth of feather may be stimulated by the outward application of palm oil or urine to the skin of the bare place. Injudicious feeding has also been answerable for loss and sickness among the young birds in the nest, and not only in the kind of grain given, but also in the manner of feeding, and this, together with lack of care in the water supply, has been the means of introducing roup and canker into the breeding loft. Thus a large preponderance of fat-forming grains, especially maize, will greatly predispose to these troubles, while dirty, mildewed, or wormy corn will help in its production. Let the food be placed in a suitable vessel where it cannot be scattered about and left; or, where the food is given on the floor none should be allowed to lie about and get trodden upon and soiled with the droppings. The water should also be protected in a similar manner, kept sheltered from the sun's rays, and otherwise pure and sweet by frequent changes. There have been several cases of roup lately brought to my notice where each succeeding nest of young ones from certain pairs have been affected, and have died almost before anything has been discovered to show that there has been anything wrong, so rapidly has the disease run its course, and in the end brought about the death of the sufferer by suffocation. Here the source of infection was the parent stock birds or feeders, and it has been taken in directly with the food; but in the case of the parents the cause may be any of those previously mentioned, although they themselves may have shown little or no signs of the disorder—in fact, it would seem in some cases that the very passing of the virus to the young ones had relieved the parents for the time being. It is useless to think of trying to cure the young ones at such an early age, and therefore it is with the

parents that the treatment must be commenced to stamp out the disease. They should be separated, and put through a course of roup pills, with an occasional dose of Epsom salts to cool and purify the blood, and thus drive the disease out of the system. It must not be forgotten, however, that the disease is most infectious, and therefore the birds should be isolated while under treatment, a clearance made of the nesting places and pans, the former being burnt and the latter thoroughly cleansed and disinfected, as should also be done to the nesting place, and a coat of hot lime-wash put on as a finish. Another note of warning might be given in respect to ringing the young ones, and particularly now that the youngsters are pretty thick in the nests. They should be put on when the young are about seven or eight days old, for, if left longer than this, there will be some trouble in performing the task, or injury may be caused to the leg; while if put on at an earlier date there is the danger of it slipping off and remaining unnoticed until it is too late to replace it. Where there is some little difficulty in putting on the ring a little soap applied to the leg may help the operation.

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While engaged in her work the other morning the hen bird was seized by a cat, whereupon the cock attacked it furiously and with such a commotion as to attract an attendant in the church yard, with the result that the hen was rescued.—London Daily News.

DATES CLAIMED.

Under this heading there will appear each week a list of all the shows claiming dates for the coming season. Secretaries of poultry, pigeon and pet stock exhibitions will confer a favor by sending in the dates selected as promptly as possible. It is not only a convenience and guide to secretaries of shows that have not selected their dates, but of great interest to readers of The American Fancier, a majority of whom are exhibitors.

Aug. 21-24, Wellsville, N. Y. A. S. Stillman, Alfred Outer, Supt. Poultry.

Aug. 21-24—Cortlandt, N. Y. Cortlandt County Agricultural Society, W. J. Greenman, Secretary.

August 21-24, Rockville, Md., G. O. Brown, A. E. Warner, Judges; Calvin Hicks, Superintendent.

August 21-24, Wellsville, N. Y. L. E. Hopkins, Secretary; A. S. Stillman, Supt. Poultry.

Sept. 3-6, Taunton, Mass., E. P. Washburne, Pigeon Judge and President.

Sept. 3-7, Columbus, Ohio, T. E. Orr, Judge; W. W. Miller, Secretary.

Sept. 3-8, Orangeburg, N. Y., J. F. Gilchrist, Secretary.

Sept. 11-13, Mercer, Pa. Mercer County Fair and Poultry Show. T. E. Orr, Judge; John P. Orr, Secretary.

Sept. 12, Altomont, Ill., Dr. A. W. Baker, Superintendent.

Sept. 17-21, Riverhead, N. Y., Harry Lee, Secretary.

Sept. 17-22, North Yakima, Wash. State Fair, G. A. Graham, Secretary; Harry H. Collier, Superintendent Poultry.

Sept. 17-23, White Plains, N. Y. Westchester County Agricultural Society, J. H. Drevenstedt, and W. J. Stanton, Judges; Fred Harries, Supt. Poultry.

Sept. 18-21, Allentown, Pa., The Allentown Fair; H. J. Schall, Secretary; W. Theo. Wittman, Supt.

Sept. 24-29, Mineola, N. Y., Robert Seaman, Supt. Poultry.

Sept. 24-29, Spokane, Wash. Inter-State Fair, Robt. H. Cosgrove, Secretary.

Sept. 25-28, Poughkeepsie, N. Y. Dutchess County Agricultural Society, T. C. Van Wyck, Superintendent Poultry.

Sept. 25-29, Spokane, Wash., Robert Cosgrove, Secretary; H. H. Collier, Supt.

Sept. 25-29, Trenton, N. J., Inter-State Fair, T. Farrer Rackham, Newark, N. J., Superintendent Poultry.

Sept. 28-Oct. 5, Springfield, Ill., W. C. Garrad, Secretary.

Sept. 29-Oct. 5, Sedalia, Mo., J. R. Rippey, Secretary.

October 2-5, Chatham, N. Y. Columbia County Agricultural Society, W. A. Dardess, Secretary.

Oct. 2-6, Puyallup, Wash., John Mills, Secretary; Harry H. Collier, Supt.

Oct. 8-13, Nashville, Tenn. Tennessee State Fair Poultry Show, J. Howard Sledd and R. E. Jones, Judges; John A. Murkin, Jr., Supt.

Oct. 9-12, Hagerstown, Md., Geo. O. Brown, J. H. Drevenstedt, D. A. Nichols, W. J. Stanton, J. F. Craugle, Chas. McClave, W. C. Denny, W. G. Minich, Judges; W. F. Spahr, Secretary, Poultry Department.

Oct. 17-18, Girard, Ill., Heimlich, Judge; H. K. Young, Secretary.

Nov. 12-15, Garnett, Kans., Rhodes, Judge; Hattie A. Weld, Secretary.

Nov. 12-17—Houston, Tex., Howey S. Fox, Jr., Secretary.

Nov. 12-17, San Jose, Cal. Santa Clara Valley Poultry and Pet Stock Association, E. Van Every, Secretary, Edenvale, Cal.

Nov. 15-17, Wellman, Ia., Shellabarger, Judge; E. J. Coffey, Secretary.

Nov. 16-17, Manhattan, Kans., Chas. E. Smith, Secretary.

Nov. 20-23, Winfield, Ia., Shellabarger, Judge; Russell Canly, Secretary.

Nov. 21-23, West Haven, Conn. D. A. Nichols, D. J. Lambert, W. R. Graves, Judges; E. J. Crawford, Secretary.

Nov. 21-23, New London, Ill., Russell, Judge; F. L. Clanson, Secretary.

Nov. 21-24, Holton, Kans., Rhodes, Judge; T. A. Fairchild, Secretary.

Nov. 22-24, Englewood, N. J. Lloyd M. Hallenbeck, Judge; Henry Cundell, Supt. Poultry.

Nov. 22-24, Englewood, N. J., N. R. Pendergast, Secretary.

Nov. 26-30, Cedar Rapids, Ia., Shellabarger, Judge; S. G. Smith, Secretary.

Nov. 26, Dec. 1, Dallastown, Pa. York County Fanciers' Association, G. O. Brown, Judge; Jacob Eberly, Sec'y.

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Nov. 27-30, Carthage, Mo., Rhodes, Judge; C. A. Emry, Secretary.

Nov. 27-Dec. 1, York, Pa. C. T. Cornman, William G. Minich, Judges; J. N. Lovett, Secretary.

Nov. 28-30, Fairfield, Ill., Russell, Judge; J. R. McElldrey, Secretary.

Nov. 29-Dec. 1, Vienna, Ill., Heimlich, Judge; Chas. M. Pichens, Secretary.

Nov. 28-Dec. 2, Moline, Ill., Shellabarger, Judge.

Dec. 3-5, Brookfield, Mo., Rhodes, Judge; J. S. Hill, Secretary.

Dec. 3-6, Ravenwood, Mo., Russell, Judge; Robt. Larmer, Secretary.

Dec. 3-7, Mason City, Ia., M. V. Bicker, Secretary.

Dec. 3-7, Ellicottville, N. Y., Geo. W. Webb, Judge; William Green, Secretary.

Dec. 3-8, Rolfe, Ia., Heimlich, Judge; Marion Bruce, Secretary.

Dec. 3-9, San Francisco, Cal. California Poultry Association, J. C. Williams, Secretary, Fruitvale, Cal.

Dec. 4, Youngstown, Ohio, T. E. Orr, Judge; W. H. Crossler, Secretary.

Dec. 4-5, Jackson, Mich., F. W. Travis and S. Butterfield, Judges; C. W. Kroosz, Secretary.

Dec. 4-7, Holyoke, Mass., George Barnett, Jr., Secretary.

Dec. 4-7, Philmont, N. Y. D. A. Nichols, Judge; G. J. Anderson, Secretary.

Dec. 4-7, Humeston, Ia., Shellabarger, Judge; Geo. King, Secretary.

Dec. 4-7, Mt. Sterling, Ill., Meyers, Judge; Eugene Hambaugh, Secretary.

Dec. 4-8, Paterson, N. J., J. Frost, Secretary.

Dec. 4-8—Youngstown, O., H. J. Cossler, Secretary.

Dec. 4-8—Wilkes Barre, Pa., David T. Miller, Secretary.

Dec. 4-8—Providence, R. I., Rhode Island Poultry Association, W. I. Brown, Secretary, 6 Exchange Place.

Dec. 4-8, Anardarko, Oklahoma Territory, Fite, Judge; Plaff, Secretary.

Dec. 5-8, Grand Rapids, Wis. Grand Rapids Poultry Association; B. G. Eggert, Secretary; Frank Heck, Judge.

Dec. 5-8, Paterson, N. J. Paterson Poultry, Pigeon and Pet Stock Association; Charles Frost, Secretary.

Dec. 5-8, Danbury, Conn. Western Connecticut Poultry Association, Charles H. Brundage, Secretary; Judges, J. H. Drevenstedt, T. F. McGrew, Hon. David Nichols and W. H. Card.

Dec. 5-8, Ellensburg, Wash., Harry H. Collier, Judge; Mrs. S. F. Montgomery, Secretary.

Dec. 5-10, Birmingham, Ala., McClave, Sites, Judges; Klwyn Ballard, Secretary.

Dec. 6-8, Villisca, Ia., Russell, Judge; F. M. Childs, Secretary.

Dec. 6-8, Fulton, Mo., Rhodes, Judge; D. W. Whanger, Secretary.

Dec. 6-9—Danbury, Conn., C. H. Brundage, Secretary.

Dec. 10-14, Waverly, Ia., Shellabarger, Judge; B. L. Burbank, Secretary.

Dec. 10-14, Sheboygan, Wis., James Tucker, Judge; E. C. Kuehlmann, Sec'y.

Dec. 10-15, Great Bend, Kans., Fite, Judge; J. A. Lessemann, Secretary.

Dec. 10-15, Warren, Ill., Heimlich, Judge; B. L. Wright, Secretary.

Dec. 11, Warren, Ohio, T. E. Orr, Judge; Wm. G. Baldwin, Secretary.

Dec. 11-14, Lewistown, Mo. Lewistown Poultry Association; A. O. Brooking, Secretary, La Belle, Mo.; Frank Heck, Judge.

Dec. 11-14, Winsted, Conn. F. D. Hallet, Secretary.

Dec. 11-14, Quincy, Ill., Lane, Judge; A. E. Rogers, Secretary.

December 11-14, Johnstown, N. Y., Adirondack Poultry & Pet Stock Club. B. W. Mosher, Secretary.

Dec. 11-15, Cary, Ohio, George H. Burgett, Judge; Geo. Wolfreene, Secretary.

Dec. 11-16, Tacoma, Wash., Henry Berar and Harry H. Collier, Judges; Mrs. C. A. Pratt, Secretary.

Dec. 12-14—Kingston, N. Y., F. E. Miller, Secretary, Rifton, N. Y.

Dec. 12-15—Corsicana, Tex., W. E. Elliott, Secretary, Box 281.

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Dec. 12-15, Stoughton, Wis. Stoughton Poultry Association; Sylvanus Ames, Secretary; Frank Heck, Judge.

Dec. 12-15, St. Mary's, Ohio. Wick Hathaway, Judge; F. F. Aschbacher, Secretary.

Dec. 14-19, Charleston, S. C. G. O. Brown and F. J. Marshall, Judges; T. J. McCarty, Secretary.

Dec. 17-20, Clarinda, Ia., Rhodes, Judge; John Lagerquisk, Secretary.

Dec. 17-21, Mound City, Mo., Russell, Judge; W. H. Weightman, Secretary.

Dec. 17-21, Pierce City, Mo., Emry, Judge; Thomas Carlin, Secretary.

Dec. 17-22, North Yakima, Wash., W. C. Denny, Judge; S. H. Schreiner, Secretary.

Dec. 17-22, Sullivan, Ill., Lane, Judge; D. W. Duncan, Secretary.

Dec. 18, McConnellsville, Ohio, T. E. Orr, Judge; G. M. Foster, Secretary.

Dec. 18-21, Geneva, Ohio. R. H. Munger, Secretary.

Dec. 18-21, Greenfield, Ia., Shellabarger, Judge; Mrs. S. E. Alley, Secretary.

Dec. 18-21, Jacksonville, Ill., Heimlich, Judge; Ralph Dunlap, Secretary.

Dec. 18-22, Ponce City, Oklahoma Ter., Fite, Judge; Flem. Smith, Secretary.

Dec. 19-21, Rutherford, N. J., E. J. Irwin, Secretary.

Dec. 19-22, Holland, Mich. Holland Poultry and Pet Stock Association; L. S. Sprietsma, Secretary; Frank Heck, Judge.

Dec. 19-22, Mohnsville, Pa. Wyomissing Poultry Association; George W. Hatt, Secretary, Mohn's Store, Pa.; Charles T. Cornman, Judge.

Dec. 19-23, Mohn's Store, Pa., Comman, Judge; Geo. W. Thompson, Secretary.

Dec. 20-22, Wenatchee, Wash., Harry H. Collier, Judge; John N. Johnson, Secretary.

Dec. 20-22, Savannah, Mo., Rhodes, Judge; S. C. Schmitt, Secretary.

Dec. 24-28, Walden, N. Y. D. A. Nichols, Judge; Chas. A. Dawson, Sec'y.

Dec. 24-26, Elgin, Ill., Shellabarger, Judge; M. E. Meredith, Secretary.

Dec. 24-26, Forrest, Ill., Heimlich, Judge; C. C. Johnson, Secretary.

Dec. 24-29, Oakland, Ill., Lane, Judge; O. L. Minter, Secretary.

Dec. 24-29, Oskaloosa, Ia., Shellabarger and Russell, Judges; J. R. Hoover, Sec.

Dec. 25-28, Kalamazoo, Mich., James A. Fucher, Judge; F. A. Hoag, Secretary.

Dec. 25-28, Alleghany, Pa., E. Sites, Judge; Chas. Fuller, Secretary.

Dec. 25-29, Beatrice, Neb., Fite, Judge; Frank E. Lenhart, Secretary.

Dec. 26, Shelby, Ohio, T. E. Orr, Judge; W. O. Smith, Secretary.

Dec. 26-29, East Greenville, Pa. Geo. W. Webb and F. H. Castuer, Judges; C. A. Mack, Peinnsburgh, Pa., Sec'y.

Dec. 26-29, Macomb, Ill., Heimlich, J. A. McFatch, Secretary.

Dec. 27-29, Spicard, Mo., Leon A. Tracy, Secretary.

Dec. 29-Jan. 2, Meriden, Conn., D. A. Nichols, W. N. Card and D. J. Lambert, Judges; W. W. Slets, Secretary.

Dec. 31, Kokoma, Ind., Lane, Judge.

Dec. 31-Jan. 2, Gordonsville, Mo., Heimlich, Judge; E. W. Hink, Secretary.

Dec. 31-Jan. 4, Jackson, Mo., Rhodes, Judge; Chas. Behrans, Secretary.

Dec. 31-Jan. 5, Lansing, Mich., J. A. Tucker, Judge; J. A. Turner, Secretary.

Dec. 31, Jan. 5, Greenfield, Mass. D. J. Lambert, Judge; Lee W. Devoss, Sec'y.

Jan. 1, Leipsic, Ohio, T. E. Orr, Judge; H. S. Enck, Secretary.

Jan. 1-4, Lima, Ohio. C. E. Cram and J. E. Gault, Judges; Edw. Helsel, Sec'y.

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Jan. 2-5, Bedford, Ia., Russell, Judge; D. C. Moehler, Secretary.

Jan. 4, Goshen, Ind., T. E. Orr, Judge; Will H. Schadt, Secretary.

Jan. 7, Auburn, N. Y., T. E. Orr, Judge; J. H. Scott, Secretary.

Jan. 7-11, Aurora, Ill. Aurora Poultry Association; Walter M. Smith, Secretary; Frank Heck, Judge.

Jan. 7-11, Denver, Colo., Heimlich, Judge; G. W. Veditz, Secretary.

Jan. 7-12, Auburn, N. Y. Annual meeting of American Poultry Association with Auburn Fanciers' Association. J. H. Scott, Secretary.

Jan. 7-12, Normal, Ill., Pierce, McClave, Tucker, Fite and Heyl, Judges; A. L. Moore, Secretary.

Jan. 7-12, Topeka, Kans., Heimlich, Judge; D. M. Owen, Secretary.

Jan. 8-10, Lenox, Mass. Honest "Dave" and Shaylor, Judges; L. H. Peters, Secretary.

Jan. 8-11, Middletown, Conn. Graves and Bunnell, Judges; Arthur L. Clark, Secretary.

Jan. 8-11, Dallas, Texas, Lane, Judge; Albert Beeman, Secretary.

Jan. 8-11, Peterboro, N. H., W. H. Spaulding, Secretary.

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Jan. 8-12, Sidney, Ohio, Gault and Cram, Judges; Earl Lee, Secretary.

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Jan. 8-12, Enid, Oklahoma, C. A. Enroy, Judge; Fred Roy Ziller, Secretary.

Jan. 8-13, Seattle, Wash., George D. Holden, Judge; N. Anderson, Secretary.

Jan. 9-12, Alameda, Cal. Alameda County Poultry Association, C. G. Hinds, Secretary.

Jan. 9-12, Tiffin, Ohio. Chas. McClave, Judge; V. Crabtree, Secretary.

Jan. 9-13, Chilton, Wis. Chilton Poultry and Pet Stock Association; A. Stransky, Secretary; Frank Heck, Judge.

Jan. 9-13, Sharon, Pa. H. A. Emmel and A. F. Kummer, Judges; John S. Leslie, Secretary.

Jan. 9-15, Detroit, Mich., Richard H. H. Schwab and S. Butterfield, Judges; T. F. Millsap, Secretary.

Jan. 14-19, Charlotte, N. C. G. O. Brown, Judge; W. B. Alexander, Sec'y.

Jan. 14-19, Nashville, Tenn. Tennessee State Poultry Breeders Association, W. C. Denny, F. J. Marshall and C. N. Hausen, Judges; Jno. A. Murkin, Jr., Sec'y.

Jan. 14-19, Lincoln, Neb., Russell, Rhodes and Shellabarger, Judges; L. P. Ludden, Secretary.

Jan. 14-19, Blackwell, Oklahoma Ter., Fite, Judge; Geo. Carson, Secretary.

Jan. 15-18, Port Huron, Mich., Robt. Taylor, Secretary.

Jan. 15-19, 1907—Kansas City, Mo., P. H. DeFree, Secretary.

Jan. 15-19—Angola, Ind., Tri-State P. and P. S. Association, W. K. Sheffer, Secretary.

January 15-19, Scranton, Pa., A. W. Close, Secretary.

Jan. 15-19, Boston, Mass., S. L. Roberts, Secretary.

Jan. 16-20, Charlotte, N. C. Charlotte Poultry Association; W. B. Alexander, Secretary.

Jan. 16-22, Portland, Oregon, Elmer Dixon, Judge; F. Fenwick and E. Carlisle, Secretaries.

Jan. 17, Milwaukee, Wis., T. E. Orr, Judge; C. G. Loeber, Secretary.

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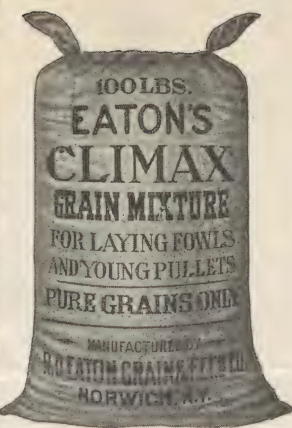
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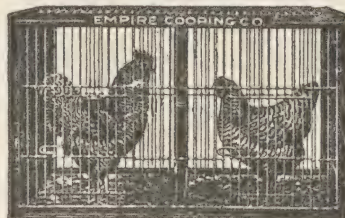


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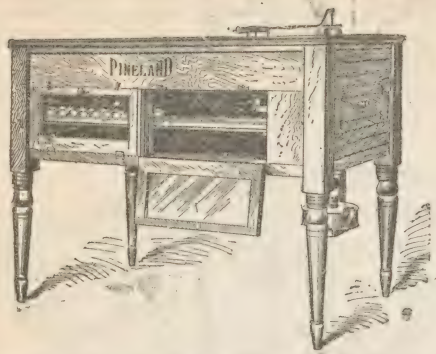


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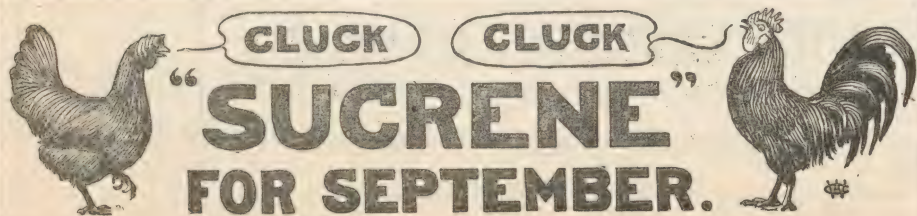
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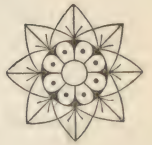
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A MODEL WYANDOTTE FARM



BY THE EDITOR.

Recently, while on a business trip to Philadelphia we received an invitation to visit Mr. A. L. Sparks and look over his farm. We accepted and made a flying trip to Swainton, New Jersey. The latter is located in South Jersey about ten miles from Cape May. We state this because Sparks' City (might as well be called that) is not on the map. Speaking of maps brings to mind the fact that Deacon Alexander Leander Sparks mailed a map of the route to our New York office, which, much to our regret we failed to get in time to be of service. So we went it blind. We bought a ticket for Swainton at the Market street ferry and

sight or hearing so we asked a small boy if he knew where Sparks lived. He answered "Naw," but finally said something about a place with two gates. That is as near as we could get to it. So we started across the road and attempted to get an old lady interested in our search for Deacon Ivory's home. She was busy peeling potatoes on a back porch, the latter being enclosed and unreachable except through the door of the kitchen in front. Repeated knocking and loud calls failed to make any impression on the old lady. She kept on peeling potatoes. We left her to work out the speed problem and started up the road

O. was the city. It was closed, the postmaster being busily engaged gathering sea food in the briny waters of an adjacent cove. A kind-hearted farmer, nearby, told us that Mr. Sparks' place was only a mile away. To make a long story short it was a mile away from the real distance.

When we reached the cool piazza of Deacon Sparks' cozy house, the good-natured smile and hearty handshake of its owner made us forget the long and hot walk. After telling the Deacon our experience he remarked: "Why in the name of goodness didn't you get off at Seaville and take the stage, it's only a short ride?" We told

the earliest settlers.

It did not take long to be at home and thanks to the Deacon and his housekeeper we were made comfortable with a dinner that only an appetite the fine salt air of this beautiful shore country on the Atlantic can produce. A view from Sea Isle City, a great summer resort only a few miles distant; it also gives a glimpse of the old ocean and the bays and coves which are part of the farm.

The buildings are on the colony system, substantially built and enclosed with suitable fencing, the grounds being ample for the colonies. Apples and Japanese plum trees furnish grateful shade. There are about twenty acres devoted to this part of the business.

The brooder and incubator houses and cellars are models of convenience as are the fitting or exhibition house, killing room, cold storage and feed buildings. In fact there is no building on the place that has not been designed without considerable thought and regard for practical results. The brooders are large colony houses furnished with the Rutland Hot Water copper tank houses. They do the work to the complete satisfaction of Mr. Sparks. The chickens show it. Large healthy White Wyandottes in goodly numbers could be seen under the cooling shade of the cornstalk shelters scattered on the rich clover sod and under the well-kept trees of a large or-



Mr. Spark's Residence.

crossed the Delaware on one of those steam launches that ply between the Quaker city and Camden. Boarding a train which was called "Cape May Express" we soon were speeding southward at a rate of speed somewhat foreign to express trains in the United States. Still we reached our destination only an hour late and of course got off at a station where the total inhabitants consisted of the agent, a track walker and a family living in a cottage opposite the depot. (?) It was called Swain and it is on the map at that. We asked the station agent where Mr. Sparks' farm was located and he informed us that it was two miles down the road and advised us to walk to a store about a half a mile distant and get further orders. We did. The place we found to be a general country produce grocery and department store with a long distance phone sign as an attraction. It was closed, the proprietor not being within

and found a Jerseyman enjoying an easy chair on a cool porch and also found him with sufficient energy left to yell out, "Two miles," when we asked where Sparks lived. That made about three miles from the station we figured it. After walking about half an hour we met a peddler and asked where Sparks lived. "Jes' two miles." It was about ninety in the shade then. After several ten minutes had past we came to the post office and the city of Swainton i. e., the P.

him that the conductor advised us to get off at Swain. "You should have asked the conductor for Sparks' and it would have been a cinch getting here instead of an athletic stunt."

From what we learned afterward this whole South Jersey section should be called Sparktown. The Sparks fly around here as numerous and luminous as those from the anvil of a busy blacksmith. Sparks is an old and honored family in those parts of Jersey the original Sparks being one of

chard. The watering is done by an artesian well and carried in pipes to many points of the farm, automatic filling of patent iron troughs being a feature. Pure water is before the fowls at all times.

Cut cornstalks are used in the scratching sheds for old and young and make an ideal litter. The Deacon is very particular in feeding fowls and chickens and his system is a good one. While old and young can run at large, the youngsters can feed from troughs



Sparks' Poultry Farm.

protected by lathed sheds and screens that the old gormandizers are unable to reach. Neither can the rain spoil the clean dry grain. As chick food the Deacon is of the opinion that chick grain suits him as well as anything he ever tried for small chickens. It certainly proved its goodness in the bunch of youngsters we saw in one brood coop. He also uses Fidelity, Spratt's and some of his own foods successfully. All mixed grain food is run thorough his grain sifter and graded carefully so that no waste occurs. It is the system that pays.

In addition to the large area devoted to poultry, there is some very fine farm land and by the way when visiting down there do not step on the Sparks' corn i. e., the corn growing in a large field adjacent to the orchard. He prides himself on having the best piece of corn in Cape May County. It looks it. There are hundreds of grape vines, blackberry bushes and other fruit on the place. If a better arranged poultry and fruit farm exists anywhere, we have not seen it, and we have visited many in the past twenty years.

As to Sparks' White Wyandottes, they are too well and favorably known to begin telling about them at this late day. Fine in size, correct in type and sound in color of plumage and leg, bred in line intelligently and perseveringly, the Deacon has a strain that produces itself with progeny and that is worth more than all the haphazard matings of simply exhibition birds promiscuously dumped in yards with expectations high and results problematical. The White Wyandotte Bantams, originated by Mr. Sparks show remarkable improvement, the size in the old fowl being down to where it belongs. In head points he has succeeded remarkably well, the true Wyandotte type predominating. As the youngsters were still very small and the real hatching season of bantams only begun, we could not get a line on them at the time of our visit.

Space forbids detailed description of buildings and yards at this time. It will pay those who are really interested in a practical chicken farm where hundreds of White Wyandottes are raised annually, to visit Mr. Sparks' place, enjoy the Deacon's hospitality and profit by the many interesting studies to be found on his model farm.

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And imitation milk;
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And imitation silk;
We've imitation marble
And imitation wood;
We've imitation coffee,
Salubriously good.
We've imitation leather
For imitation shoes;
We've imitation dye stuffs
And imitation booze;
And some of us, 'tis certain,
Have imitation wives.
In fact, I fear we're leading
But imitation lives.

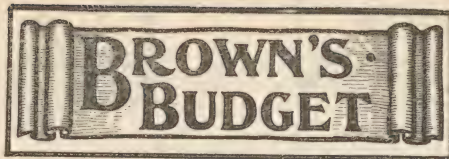
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There are always failures in every business or occupation. It is not the callings that are the cause, but the men who make the venture. Men with methods, with theories; men that are lacking in both should not be expected to secure the same results, and they do not.

The use of charcoal for old and young is not generally appreciated as it deserves. Charcoal is a corrective of many troubles, as well as a direct preventative. Keep it before your flocks so they can have access to it at will.

Some writer declares "don't count your chickens until they are fried." This sounds all right to a hungry man. If, however, they are counted that way only, there will be few fowls to enumerate.

Guesswork will never bring accurate or sure results. Business reasons are necessary in other businesses to reach success or profitable results. The man who concludes such reasons are not necessary in the poultry business should open a "misfit parlor" business.

The United States Government is making experiments with drawn and undrawn poultry in cold storage. Samples will be removed from time to time in the next five or six months and cooked and tested. It would seem this plan is all good enough—though it may be quite an ordeal on the tester. Kind o' like experimenting with him on his stomach.

Billings thinks he has solved the problem of economical hen feeding for eggs. He says hens have commenced to eat their own eggs, and now they will be self-supporting. Bill Loafon says his flock has commenced to eat their own feathers and he has cut out all feather-producing rations. Gradually certain kinds of scientists are making crab progress in poultry calling.

Cut off the sweet cornstalks close to the ground when you pluck the ears, and feed to the cows. The stalks are excellent for milch cows. The ground occupied by early corn can be sowed with turnip seed.

"Take a twenty-five pound sack, put a strong twine string in the open end—you can sew it with a darning needle so it can be drawn shut—now catch your cat, put her into the sack, all except her head; now draw the string tight enough around her neck that she can't get in or out and lay her down among the little chicks; now watch that old hen fight that cat! Give her five minutes of "hen pecking," and she will always make a circle around little chickens."—Exchange.

The remedy is complete while the cat is in the bag, but when the cat is out of the bag watch her just the same.

A Bala woman has been much annoyed by the trespassing of a neighbor's chickens.

The other day she tied with stout thread to large grains of corn cards whereon was written:

"Please pen us in better. We are spoiling Mrs. Dash's garden."

She scattered these contrivances over her lawn. The chickens, trespassing as usual, ate the corn, and from their mouths that night they spoke the woman's message to their shocked master.

Thereafter they trespassed no more. —Cincinnati Enquirer.

NEW YORK MARKET.

(From Journal of Commerce, August 6.)

EGGS.—Receipts 8,921 cases. The week is closing with an irregular market, according to quality of stock. There is still a small proportion of strictly fresh gathered, containing a good proportion of full strong-bodied eggs, and for such prices are fairly firm. There are comparatively few of the receipts, however, for which our top quotations can be reached. For medium and lower grades there is pressure to sell and rather a weak tone; sales range all the way from 16c for ordinary lots up to 18 1/2c for average best, only very closely graded and candled Western bringing any more. Fancy dirties are about steady; ordinary qualities drag.

State, Pa., & nearby, selected, white, fancy.....	24 @ 25
State, Pa., & near-by, selected, white, good to choice.....	22 @ 23
State, Pa., & near-by, white, ordinary to good.....	19 @ 21
State, Pa., and near-by, mixed colors, extras.....	22 @ 23
State, Pa., & near-by, mixed, extra-firsts.....	20 @ 21
State, Pa., & near-by, firsts.....	18 1/2 @ 19
Western, selected, finest.....	19 @ 19 1/2
Western, firsts.....	18 @ 18 1/2
Western, seconds.....	16 1/2 @ 17 1/2
Western, thirds.....	15 1/2 @ 16
Kentucky, fresh gathered.....	15 1/2 @ 17
Dirties, per dozen.....	12 @ 15
Checks, per dozen.....	9 @ 12 1/2

The official quotation of the New York Mercantile Exchange is 18a18 1/2 for Western firsts.

LIVE POULTRY.—There were no carload lots of live poultry unloaded, but some 4 carloads are being carried over on the track by receivers. Supplies this week have been quite heavy, footing up 61 carloads by freight, of which 57 carloads were unloaded. Fowls have sold fairly, but not closely cleaned up, and dealers carrying over about two carloads. Spring chickens have been in excessive supply and fully carloads remaining unsold in dealers' hands in the market. Other live poultry shows very little change.

Spring Chickens, Western, per lb.....	@ 14
Spring chickens, Southern and Southwestern.....	@ 14
Fowls, per lb.....	@ 13
Roosters, per lb.....	@ 9
Turkeys, per lb.....	@ 10
Spring Ducks, Long Island, per lb.....	@ 14
Ducks—Western, old, per pair.....	70 @ 80
Southern, old, per pair.....	50 @ 55
Spring ducks, Southern, per pair.....	@ 40
Geese, per pair.....	90 @ 1 50
Live Pigeons, per pair.....	@ 25

DRESSED POULTRY.—Fresh killed fowls continue in moderate supply, and, while prices are held about the same, the tone is not quite so firm as earlier in the week. Spring chickens have been in excessive supply all the week, and prices rapidly declining, until on Friday 14c was about all that could be depended upon for fancy Western, either dry picked or scalded, and average grades were freely offered at 13c. This price attracted more demand from speculators for freezing purposes, and the market gradually cleaned up. To-day, Saturday, there is an actual scarcity of really fancy Western dry-picked chickens, which, and with a little demand, would bring a little more money if here, but no improvement in scalded chickens. Nearby chickens have been more plenty and lower in proportion. Long Island, Eastern and other nearby ducks fairly plenty and only moderately active, but held about steady. Western ducks not wanted. Squabs plenty and dull.

FRESH KILLED.

Turkeys—average lots.....	@ 19
Poor to medium.....	11 @ 12
Spring chickens, Philadelphia dry-picked, 3 1/2 a 4 lbs. av'g to pair, fancy.....	@ 27
Philadelphia dry-picked, over 4 lbs av'g to pair, fancy.....	@ 20

Philadelphia dry-picked, av'g run.....	16 @ 18
N. Y. & Pa., dry-picked, fancy.....	16 @ 18
N. Y. & Pa., dry-picked, av'g run.....	14 @ ..
Western, dry-picked, fancy large.....	14 @ ..
Western, dry-picked, average.....	@ 13
Western, scalded, fancy large.....	14 @ ..
Southern and Southwestern, average.....	12 @ 13
Poor.....	10 @ 11
Fowls—	
Philadelphia, dry-picked, fancy.....	@ 14 1/2
Philadelphia, dry-picked, average run.....	@ 14
Western, dry-picked, selected, bbls.....	@ 14
Western, dry-picked, average run.....	@ 13 1/2
Western, dry-picked, poor to med.....	11 @ 13
Southern & Southwestern, dry-picked, selected bbls.....	13 1/2 @ 14
Western, scalded, selected bbls.....	@ ..
Western, scalded, average run.....	@ 13 1/2
Western, scalded, poor to medium.....	11 @ 13
Southern & Southwestern, scalded, selected bbls.....	13 1/2 @ 14
Southern and southwestern, inferior grades.....	11 @ 13
Other Poultry—	
Old cocks, dry-picked.....	@ 8 1/2
Old cocks, scalded.....	@ 8 1/2
Ducklings, Long Island & Eastern.....	12 @ 12 1/2
Ducklings, other near-by.....	@ 12
Ducks, old, L. I. & other nearby.....	@ 10
Geese, spring, Eastern, white.....	@ 18
Squabs, prime white, 8 lbs to doz, per dozen.....	@ 3 00
Squabs, prime white, 7 lbs to doz, per dozen.....	@ 2 00
Squabs, prime white, 6 1/2 lbs to doz, per doz.....	1 50 @ ..
Squabs, mixed, per doz.....	1 25 @ 1 50
Squabs, dark, per doz.....	1 25 @ 1 37
Squabs, culls, per doz.....	50 @ 60

FROZEN.

Turkeys—Hens, No. 1.....	18 @ 19
Toms, No. 1.....	@ 19
Toms, No. 2.....	12 @ 14
Old Toms, No. 1.....	17 1/2 @ 18
Capons—Western, 8 lbs and over, each.....	@ 19
Western, under 8 lbs each.....	17 @ 18
Broilers—	
Milk-fed, dry-picked, 4 lbs and under to pair.....	18 @ 20
Milk-fed, dry-picked, over 4 lbs to pair.....	15 @ 16
Dry-picked, 4 lbs and under to pair, No. 1.....	16 @ 17
Dry-picked, over 4 lbs to pair.....	12 1/2 @ 13
Scalded, 4 lbs and under to pair, No. 1.....	15 @ 16
No. 2.....	10 @ 11
Roasting Chickens—	
Milk-fed, dry-picked, fcy.....	16 @ 17
Fancy, soft meat.....	@ 15
Average, No. 1.....	12 @ 14
Chickens—No. 2.....	8 @ 10
Fowls—No. 1.....	12 1/2 @ 13
No. 2.....	8 @ 10
Ducks—No. 1.....	@ 12
No. 2.....	10 @ 11
Geese—No. 1.....	10 @ 11
No. 2.....	8 @ 9

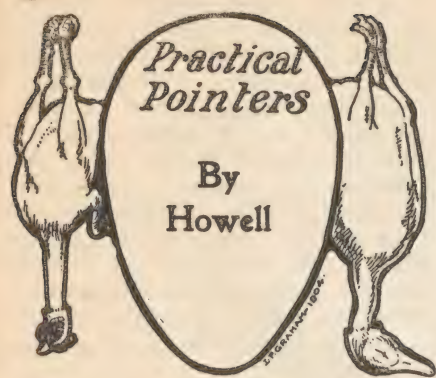
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I have found a new and advantageous method to dispose of the ripe summer apples that fall from the trees.

Feed them to the fowls. Twenty-five in confinement will consume a peck a day and half as much when at liberty, a capacity which almost rivals the small boy in history.

I had been picking them up and feeding to the cattle, when I noticed the fowls coming in the stables and eating the apples, a Barred Rock in particular, would eat two at a time, so as an experiment I emptied a peck in a pen where twenty-five pullets were confined, and were supplied with green food from a run attached to the pen. At feeding time that night not a trace of an apple could be seen and they have eaten the same amount every day since.

At this particular time of year when no commercial use can be made of drop apples, no better way to dispose of them can be found.

I suppose when some city brother reads these notes, he says to himself the farm is the place to raise chickens, so much of everything they cannot help but grow; it is a fact when one looks at it in this light, it ought not to be any trouble to raise chickens in the country, shade and water everywhere these hot days, unlimited range in every direction.

If so minded the owner can raise every kind of grain needed to feed them on.

I am half minded to give a lecture on Silver Wyandottes. I do not think twelve years has brought much improvement in their breeding qualities.

A contemplated change in the market for our eggs will make a change in our policy, formerly our customer wanted only white eggs, now the prospective new man favors brown eggs. (I hope soon to give the readers an expert analysis of white and brown eggs, in value as a food). Should the deal prove a fact, the Leghorn and Minorca will be relegated to the rear, and more prominence given the brown egg layers, the large flock of Silvers may once more be seen here, as much from the fine appearance and size of their eggs as my well known preference for them.

I started to say the breeders of Silvers have not done much for them, but they are not to blame. no breed has to be subjected to a more vacillating policy, from light to dark and back again. I bred only a small yard this year. Among the earlier flocks I notice some that are not so bad, none are common quality, but they don't suit me; every one has a weak spot.

The male I used is what may be termed a pullet breeder, every feather in his breast from his throat down

to where the feathers end on his legs, is solid black and white, not a trace of white edging or shading anywhere, each feather solid black with a white center as big as a watermelon. The pullets are like the hens used, all have their weak spots, a perfect breast or back is accompanied by a mossy cushion, or an imperfect comb, the best all round bird in the lot has a white edging on her every feather. I may be hard to suit, but hope some day to breed some I won't have to find fault with.

The Evolution of the Poultry House.

Continued from August 4 issue.
can afford to sacrifice almost everything before sacrificing that. Vitality is the beginning and end of the whole business. If we once lose vitality it will commence getting worse year after year.

Mr. Elford. Do you think it would be a good thing for a person at this time of the year to change the system of feeding?

A. It seems to me to be the best time of the year, because now is the time that the hen's body responds to climatic conditions. I know the hens do not take to the dry feed kindly, and it seems to me there are a lot of problems involved in that dry feeding. A man who feeds all whole grain is asking his hens to do too much, and a man who feeds all ground feed in a soft mash is running the risk of impairing the digestion. One of the most convincing things is expressed by C. H. Wyckoff, of Aurora, N. Y. He is the most successful feeder I have ever met. I have known him for the last ten or fifteen years, and have been personally at his home for years, and I have more confidence in his practical judgment than that of any person that I know of. He has been feeding his hens for the last two years for egg production by the dry feeding method, and he has had success, and his hens are in perfect condition of health.

Q. What kind of houses has he?

A. They are built more expensive than they should be. They cost him about six or seven dollars for each hen's capacity. He says he would not build them like that again. He keeps his windows open a few inches from the top during the entire year. His houses are tight on every side including the two ends, and open to the south, and, like a bottle, you cannot get any draft in it.

With regard to the grit feed to hens, I may say that this opens a very interesting field. It has been said that the grit itself has only one function, and that is to furnish mineral matter, and that it is not used for grinding food, and that it has absolutely nothing to do with the grinding process. I have been following the discussion quite closely, and I feel that the first thing we ought to do is to get some facts. I believe the grit loosens up the grain in the crop and helps to work the juices together, whether you call that grinding or not. Whether they get any mineral matter out of it is questionable. We took twenty White Leghorn cockerels and divided them into four flocks, and put them into separate pens, and we did not give any of them a bit of grit to eat for one week, but we allowed them to eat grain and all they wanted of it. We fed them two or three times a day both on hard and soft feed, and at the end of the week we took the first pen and gave them what grit they

could eat, and they have had all they wanted ever since. The pen right opposite to them did not get any grit at all, but we waited until we saw what the first pen ate, and then we put that much grit into a grinding mill and ground it just as fine as flour so that they would get all the mineral matter that was in it, but they did not get any grinding material. We fed that to that pen, and then the next pen we gave them neither the grit nor the meal nor the ground grit; and the fourth pen we put them off by themselves and gave them all the grit they could possibly eat and then took it away from them. We kept that fourth pen just to die for their country, and at the end of three weeks we killed one of them and we took out the grit that was in the crop, washed it off clean, and put it in a bottle and weighed it, and there was actually more grit in the bottle than the fowl had eaten at the end of that first week. The grit had been there before; gravel and stones and pieces of coal. At the end of four or five weeks we killed another one, and there was more grit left in the gizzard than the fowl had eaten at the time we filled it up, and we waited five or six weeks and killed another and there was still more grit in the gizzard than there was at the time we started to feed them. We have two left, and we do not know when to kill them. Some of these little pebbles were just as smooth and round as they could be, for they have been rolled over and over so many times. So far as the actual results in the vitality and growth is concerned, the ones that had the grit by them all the time where they could help themselves have done better than the others; but the difference is not so marked as I thought it was going to be. There are some individuals in the pen that have not had grit nor the mineral matter ground up for them, that are just as bright and husky as those that had the mineral matter and the grit. You can learn more from pullets than you can from cockerels, so we put some late hatched Plymouth Rock pullets in one of these colony houses, and another bunch in a similar house, and we feed them the same way, except one of them has got grit all the while; and as yet we have seen no marked difference as to their health or condition. We find that the hens are not laying many eggs, they eat about equal parts of the grit and cracked oyster shell, a little more oyster as a rule; and when they are laying rapidly they will eat two or three times as much, which would indicate to me that the hen naturally feels that she needs it.

The Chairman: Do you ever find that for a time they will eat more crystal grit than oyster shell. Then at other times they will eat more oyster shells than crystal grit.

A. Yes, I have had correspondents write me to that effect.

A Member: I fed about two pounds of grit in a month to ten birds.

Another Member: I have seen a flock of birds in the West that never got any grit.

Prof. Rice: There is no question but what fowls can get along without it; the action of the gizzard is partly digestive. The stomach proper is full of glands, and inside the gizzard you can see the glands there that secrete that material. I feel that newly hatched chicks ought to have grit, and I

always get a little fine grit, because they take it more rapidly than they will the other kind.

Q. Is there any danger of them eating too much or filling themselves up with sand?

A. I never saw them do that, but I have seen sick chickens hunting for something all the time, and they will sometimes eat too much.

Mr. F. W. Krouse, Guelph: My chickens run in with the bees and run after flies, but will not touch the bee even right at the start when they are right out of the egg.

(To Be Continued.)

Middletown, Conn., Meeting....

On Friday, July 20th, as the guests of the Middlesex County Poultry Association at Middletown, the Connecticut Poultry Association held another field meeting which was certainly the most instructive one of the season. Besides the same speakers that were at Storrs, Mr. G. V. Smith gave an address on the bi-products of a poultry plant, telling of his methods of using hen manure and the results. The discussion at the close of this talk was very interesting. Prof. Gowell, of Maine, making the statement that he considered hen manure rated too high when compared with other manures, but a little cross-examination led to the acknowledgment that in other manures he had included the liquids which in most cases are lost so that there was no doubt but it was worth many times other manures on ordinary farms where special basins were not made for saving the liquids.

Another speaker was Mr. F. O. Groesbeck of the Elm Poultry Yards, who advised the production of more exhibition stock and also the advisability of every poultryman showing some of his birds every year. He claimed that he had had, twenty-seven hundred dollars, in sales for stock and eggs from one exhibition male, and several females had given him returns of over one hundred dollars each. His talk was not only practical but given in a full and frank manner that could not help but convince his hearers that he meant what he said and several utility men expressed themselves very strongly in favor of taking his advice.

There was a rather strong criticism made of the A. P. A. Standard by Prof. Brown who thought that altogether too much importance was placed on color and too little on shape. The Middletown ladies furnished a dinner that will be long remembered. There was not only an abundance of it but the quality was the best. This meeting will do a lot towards bringing the utility and fancy breeders nearer together and there is no doubt there will be a number of new exhibitors in Middletown for the next show and that both classes will be well benefited by the meeting. It is to be hoped the State will furnish more money for this work during future seasons.

The Summer Girl.

Her elbow gloves, most decorous,

Said simply: "How-dy-do!"

But when I met her shirtwaist, ah,

It shouted: "Peekaboo!"

His First Love.

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I will contract for space annually in The American Fancier, as I consider it my "first love" in the poultry paper line, having been a subscriber from its first issue. JAMES B. N. FITCH.
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It was reported last week that the extensive plant of the Cyphers Incubator Company at Buffalo, New York, had been destroyed by fire. We are glad to state that such is not the case. The fire which started in an adjacent building did not reach the factory where thousands of Cypher's incubators and brooders are produced yearly, the only damage being done resulting from water. This in no shape or manner retarded the work in hand, so there will be no delays in filling orders.

Squire Dillingham, the New York City representative of the company, had a few anxious hours one day last week when the report flew over the wires that a big fire was raging in the latter's factory. When the good news arrived that the plant was saved, he went to his summer home at the Highlands, N. J., and wore the smile that only "Dill" can when things are moving his way.

Prof. Brown at the field meeting of the Middlesex County Poultry Association held at Middletown, Conn., recently, criticised the American Standard of Perfection rather strongly, claiming that too much importance is placed on color and not enough on shape. The learned gentleman should read the Standard more closely, especially on Games and Cornish Indians, also waterfowl. Weight in all

these is given its just dues, in fact most varieties are nicely rated as to color and shape. Color in many varieties is of far more importance than the ultra-practical poultrymen and writers are willing to admit. Experienced breeders and fanciers while giving due heed to correct shape, make it a point to get color as near perfect as possible and value it, especially in Buff varieties, of greater value than shape. A solid buff bird is always in demand; a mealy, white or black decoration in any section of a buff fowl is a serious handicap and throws the bird out of first class saleable products.

There will be two shows held at Fort Wayne, Indiana, next winter. The second annual of the People's Poultry and Pet Stock Association will occur January 21 to 27, 1907. T. E. Orr and George Ewold have been selected as Judges. This association is composed of about one hundred enthusiastic fanciers and neither time nor money is being spared to make the coming show a grand success.

The Central Vermont Poultry and Pet Stock Association will hold its first annual show in Barre, Vt., January 8 to 10. Spratt's Patent will cage and feed. Messrs. May and Balloes will place the awards.

There has been an overproduction of broiler ducks this season to judge by the low price quoted in New York markets. Twelve cents a pound is low water mark and a figure not calculated to please even the largest and most successful duck growers. We believe the large quantities of cold storage ducks dumped on the markets this season, in a large measure, is responsible for the big slump in prices. Cold storage ducks and chickens are anything but helpful to the poultry industry, at least not in the methods pur-

sued in disposing of them. Some law should be enacted in each State demanding that such products be stamped or labelled "Cold Storage eggs, milk, butter, chickens and ducks come under the head of fresh and perishable products and the producers of such should be protected by law against the unscrupulous dealers and meat combines who corner markets by resorting to the cold storage plan.

Cugley & Mullen, 1229 Market Street, Philadelphia, Pa., have established one of the finest bird stores in the United States. The spacious store on the main business thoroughfare of the Quaker city is fitted out with the Empire Cooping Company's famous cages and filled with the choicest varieties of the feathered kingdom, to say nothing of the fur-bearing pets that find a ready market there. The business in cage birds, especially in canaries and parrots is enormous. Pigeons are also handled in large numbers and thousands of pure bred varieties of fowl are sold annually. It is a store well worth a visit, being decidedly attractive as well as instructive. Messrs. Cugley & Mullen are also agents for the Homeo Remedies, the most complete ever gotten up for poultry diseases. The booklet "The Life Saver" is devoted to the care of poultry and the modern method of treating poultry diseases. This should be in the hands of all progressive poultry breeders. Read the advertisement of the Homeo Remedy Company and send for it.

The tendency to comparison judging is more pronounced this year than ever, remarks the editor of the Southern Fancier. Dallas, Charleston, Atlanta have announced that birds will be judged by the above system and Nashville and Knoxville are expected to follow suit. Strange how times have changed. Ten years ago, the score card reigned supreme in the South; to-day it is conspicuous by its absence. The writer of these notes had many good natured arguments with the southern boys years ago on the score card vs. comparison question and came to the conclusion that it was only a question of time when the progressive and intelligent breeders of the South would adopt the more modern and businesslike method of comparison judging.

We are glad to learn that our old friend Dr. S. T. Lea will place the awards on poultry at the great Georgia State Fair next October. The doctor is not only a capable judge but a splendid fancier and royal good fellow. The boys should turn out and give him a rousing big entry.

The big winter show at Atlanta, Ga., will be held January 7 to 11, 1907. A large guarantee fund has been secured and the indications are that the metropolis of the South will have the greatest show in its history.

New wheat dropped ten cents a bushel in price last week. Old wheat very scarce at any price in quite a few places near little old New York.

Senator A. T. Cooper, of Homer City, Pennsylvania, is enjoying a trip abroad. He is in England at present and no doubt is keeping his eagle eye on the incubator and brooder trade

as well as on the chickens. Mr. Cooper was one of the mainstays of the Prairie State Incubator Company and did more than any other man of his day to push the incubator business in the United States and abroad to the front. He delivered the goods as advertised and that was the secret of his great success. When he retired from the Prairie State Incubator Company a few years ago, he took with him the good will of thousands of poultrymen and a fine slice of profits earned by him while in the company. Political ambition and honors drew him away from the poultry field, but it would not surprise us to find the Senator back in the chicken business in the near future.

Inspection of the cold storage plants in Philadelphia revealed the fact that 400 pounds of partially decayed and rat chewed chickens were found. An expert claimed "the stuff" was ten years old. Must have been the "Jungle" Fowl. Ask Sinclair.

The Electric City Poultry and Pet Stock Association will hold its next annual show at Schenectady, N. Y., January 22 to 26, 1907. This is one of the star shows of the Empire State and always to the good.

A duck over thirty years old is owned by a builder in Cornwell.—Feathered Life, England. When that duck graces (?) the table of its owner the famous poem: "When Father Carves the Duck" will prove a very appropriate after-dinner recitation.

Speaking of ducks calls to mind the following news item found in the New York Sun recently: "Caldwell, N. J.—David D. Dickinson, 83 years of age, who lives in Livingston, three miles from this place, was arraigned before Justice of the Peace Condit for violating the game laws in having five wood ducks in his possession. Game Commissioner Percy H. Johnson and Fish and Game Warden Fred. T. Hall arrested Dickinson, who was fined \$100. He gave notice of an appeal. He admitted he had been emptying the nests of the fowl for sixty years. He said he took the eggs of the ducks from their nests and placed them under a sitting hen, and when the fowl were hatched he raised and sold them to persons having private ponds at prices ranging from \$10 to \$15 a pair. This reminds us of the fact that wood ducks are a very scarce article just now, the demand being greater than the supply. Perhaps some other old sinners are engaged in rifling and cornering the market.

The great Canadian National Exhibition at Toronto, August 27 to September 8, promises to eclipse all previous efforts and bids fair to be a record breaker. All who have visited the Toronto Fair admit that it is without a peer on the American Continent. The live stock department alone is worth hundred of miles travel to see and study. The amounts given in premiums for live stock figure up to a total in excess of \$35,000, of which \$12,000 is devoted to horses, \$8,000 to cattle, \$3,000 to poultry and pet stock, and \$4,000 to dogs. As we have stated in these columns on a number of occasions during the past twelve years, the management of the poultry and pigeon department is the best we have

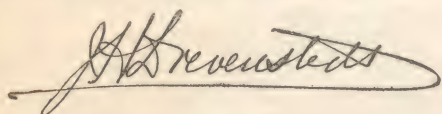
ever had the pleasure of being acquainted with. The quality of the birds exhibited is fully up to the high standard of the great winter shows held in this country. It will pay breeders and fanciers of fine fowl, notably of American varieties, to send exhibits to Toronto, and better, still, visit the fair and learn how to run successful shows.

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It makes us smile to see our esteemed contemporary at Washington, D.C., solemnly calling attention to the fact that a few years ago it began to advise poultrymen to use alfalfa, as if this was the beginning of alfalfa for poultrymen. The writer began to use it fifteen years ago. Others had used it before him. At least a dozen years ago we had told readers of this paper its value, and how to use it. That last point is one on which our contemporary evidently has still something to learn.—Farm-Poultry. We believe Major Theodore Sternberg wrote about alfalfa way back in the nineties when the old Fanciers Journal was doing business in Philadelphia and also believe Editor Robinson about the same time talked about its virtue, after having seen it growing in the Far West. It makes very little difference who discovered the value of alfalfa as green food for chickens, the fact remains that it has been known as a most excellent product for many years and there is no harm in giving credit to those who called attention to it in the past, when few of the eastern poultrymen ever heard of it.

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It was Major Sternberg also, who called attention years ago to the value of Kaffir Corn and Blood Meal. Both have come to stay.



THE IMPORTANCE OF GREEN FOOD FOR FOWLS.

By Prof. Rice, Cornell University,
Ithaca, N. Y.

We have heard a great deal of alfalfa, and in our country we have come to believe that it is the most profitable plant we can grow for forage crop, and we have also learned that the hens love it, and that they need a vegetable food of some sort. The question of labor also is coming in so very seriously, and we feel that anything we can do to eliminate that labor problem is a decided advantage. The question arises as to whether we can afford to pasture the hens, and to make a test we seeded down a little piece of alfalfa in a field, and used it for pasture the next year. We divided up four flocks, and we put one flock on a yard with absolutely not a speck of grass in it, and the other flocks were let run out into the fields of alfalfa; and in order to take our results we duplicated the experiment, one flock on the bare yard and the other on the alfalfa pasture, and kept account of the eggs that were laid, the condition of health, etc. We carried that right on through the summer, and this spring we are going to turn them on to this alfalfa again. The conclusion we came to was that what was true of one flock was true of the other. They gave us better results on the alfalfa.

Q. In your estimation is alfalfa better for a hen than what we call blue grass?

A. I do not know which will stand the tramp of the hens better. Alfalfa has this advantage, that it is a legume, and that it gives you a food that is rich in nitrogen, and we feel that we can get something that will enrich our land and that it will be an advantage.

Mr. Elford: I think alfalfa is the best thing you can give a cow or a chicken. The alfalfa keeps growing up as fast as they eat it off. We had over 50 hens on a piece of ground not as large as this room, and they could not begin to eat it down. As a matter of fact the hens ate more grain on that alfalfa than the others did, but they were laying more eggs and the eggs did not cost us as much.

Q. What about fertility?

A. I do not know yet; we had not started our experiment in time. The alfalfa pen laid a little longer, and did not moult so soon.

Q. When they did moult, did they grow their feathers fast?

A. Yes, they came out in a nice satisfactory shape. If you can get good alfalfa meal it is a magnificent food. I believe we will find it more profitable than wheat bran. I got a letter from a man in our State saying that a person was selling alfalfa meal for \$2.25 per hundred, and he was guaranteeing 50 per cent. of protein, and he sent a sample to us asking us if it would be wise for him to buy it. I wrote back immediately: "Do not buy it, and do not let your neighbors buy it, until we get an analysis." Our chemist found that there was not 9 per cent. of protein in the whole thing; there was 35 per cent. of fibre, and it was better for stuffing a bed than a hen. We have had experimenting on this subject, and we have been feeding flocks of hens down there, feeding each flock alike, except that one flock is being fed on one kind of alfalfa meal and another flock on another brand of alfalfa meal, and we are actually losing money on some of these pens, and making a fine profit on other pens, and this is due to the quality of the alfalfa. Wherever you get anything that is choice and go and put it on the market, whether it is incubators or anything else, there are thousands of people willing to rush in on that same current and put on impositions.

Mr. Davis: I got a bag of alfalfa meal and fed it to one of the pens, and they were all sick.

Prof. Rice: That is the trouble. They leave the alfalfa until it is too old, and it is not cured properly, and it gets musty.

Mr. Davis: It seemed to give them diarrhoea.

Prof. Rice: That was because it was musty. If you grow alfalfa you can raise from three to five tons to the acre. It is worth as much or more than ordinary clover, and is worth almost as much as ordinary wheat bran.

Q. Supposing you had a choice between mangels and alfalfa?

A. I do not believe you can compare them at all. I believe you need them both. Alfalfa contains from about nine to ten per cent. protein.

Q. How would you recommend feeding clover?

A. Steam it or dampen it with water, and let it swell, and the hens

will take it down quite readily.

Q. You would not mix chop with it?

A. Yes, that is a very good way to feed soft food. Mr. Wyckoff has absolutely dropped out all of his wheat bran. You can feed a hen or a cow a scoop full of alfalfa and it will not hurt it.

Q. What would you recommend growing in an orchard as green food for hens?

A. We have a plum orchard, and we set it out to Japanese plums and cultivated them for two years thoroughly in order to get a good growth on them, and then we seeded it down to red clover, and ever since that time we have been pasturing the hens on clover, and the plum orchard for the last five or six years has produced from twelve to eighteen hundred chickens each year in addition to the crop of plums.

Q. You would not recommend sowing alfalfa with the plums?

A. No, because it is a deep rooted plant. I know one field of alfalfa that has been in for twenty years. We have taken an incubator record for two or three years in order to find out what happened to the eggs that came from certain hens. We keep a record of the hens during the breeding season, and I asked Mr. Halpin, one of our students, if he would go through a lot of our records and take out certain individuals and follow them all the way through. He took a pen of barred Plymouth Rocks that were in the same house, and were only divided from the others by a wire netting, and they were fed on a similar ration, and they were all alike in appearance. He found that one incubator had so many of those hens' eggs, and another had another lot, and so on. He traced the eggs of one Plymouth Rock in pen No. 1 all the way through from way back early in March, and some of her eggs were in every week or two until away about the first of July, and the striking thing was that every egg that hen laid all that time they went into these machines hatched a healthy chicken. We found, in the case of a good many other hens, that almost every egg they laid for that entire time gave us a chicken; and we also found in that same pen one hen that during the entire time had laid about as many eggs, and had about as many go into the machine, yet did not have a single fertile egg to her credit. We found in the case of other hens in the same flock that although their eggs were fertile the germs were dead or were weak all the way through, and other hens' eggs would occasionally hatch and die in the shell. In other words, the question of fertility applies to all flocks of hens. In some cases certain individuals are to blame for the trouble. We had one small incubator which held fifty eggs, and we found that the eggs from two hens in that incubator had all hatched, and none of the others did. We are going to trap nest a flock of hens, and we are going to incubate every one of them to see if the hens will give us fertile eggs for a certain number of months and then stop. I think that is a question we will have to consider in the future. We must do our mating and brooding to that end. If you look over the history of the men who have failed in the poultry business you will find that they could not renew the flock because they lost fertility. We

cannot afford to try and raise crippled chickens. We cannot afford to let the weak ones live in the flock, and I tell our people day after day to pick out the best birds and breed from them, and by doing that you will hatch a great many more chickens and will be able to raise every one of them. Many a man has started out with a good, fine lot of eggs and they have lost fertility through want of care, and that is a serious question. We have tried to find how long you could keep an egg before setting it. We have not found much difference in an egg kept for a week, but if you keep it for two weeks you will lose in fertility; we weaken the fertility by holding the eggs. We have a reading course of lessons that we send to eighteen or nineteen hundred people, and they are supposed to send in answers to questions, and I ask them in every one of their examinations, because I would like to know these questions: "What in your experience has given you the best results, natural incubation or artificial incubation?" "Have you in your experience seen any difference in regard to fertility hatched with the natural or artificial method?" I asked one of our students to take all of those answers, about 200 of them, and classify them, and there was more than a majority who said that they had got better results from artificial incubation than natural incubation, and they said that they had not seen any decrease in fertility from the incubator hatched chickens. So far as my own experience is concerned on our own farm at Yorktown, we have out hatched a chicken by the natural way in the last ten or twelve years, except two summers ago, when we had a German working there, and he hatched some chickens by the natural method, and did not tell us about it, but he did not have very good results.

Q. Have you had white diarrhoea on your place?

A. Yes, but do not ask me any questions about it, for I absolutely do not know anything about it.

Q. Have you got rid of it?

A. Yes, we started out to have just three hatches of chickens, put 1,200 eggs in each hatch, and we raised 2,000 chicks, and did not have any experience with the white diarrhoea. But if we run four or five hatches from the same eggs with the same lot of hens we will have white diarrhoea. I have gone to our bacteriologist and physiologist, and I am going to try the penologist next. (Laughter.) I do not know what causes it, whether it is the incubator, or brooder, or the feeding.

Q. Did you ever see any of it from hen-hatched chickens?

A. I do not recollect that I have.

Mr. Graham: I cannot recall a man who has ever seen a hen-hatched chicken affected with it.

Mr. Dawson: Mr. Robinson had a hen with chickens and they all had it, and he came over to me and asked me what to give them to stop it, and I gave them Dr. Fowler's Wild Strawberry, and they are all living.

(To be Continued.)

Advertising rates in The American Fancier are very low, as they were fixed at a time when the circulation was only about one-half what it is at present. There is no cheaper advertising to-day, all things considered, than is offered by this publication.

Farm, Field and Garden

BY G. O. BROWN

Don't set the lawn mower so that it clips too short. Sun scalds will result if you do. Cut a little higher, the grass will have the velvety appearance so desirable, and will protect the roots better, and be a better conservative of moisture.

Weeds are often Nature's danger signals to the farmer. They often indicate the soil conditions. When a neglected field shows an abundance of sorrel with its reddish top bloom it is a sure indication of soil poor and thin or that acid lime and manure is needed. A well-posted farmer wants to see what kind of weeds grow on farm fields before he would buy the farm. He'd rather see the weeds than crops, as they are surer indications of facts he desires to know.

Funny that watermelon, fried chicken and camp meeting seasons come together. It's a sorter restful, peaceful combination, that robs dog days of some of its enervating ordeals.

Strange how some erstwhile friend bobs up and seeks you when it is a good peach season. A man never knows how many friends he has until he has something they like. One good thing, there are some peach trees that yield a peach that don't encourage any encore call.

What are you going to do towards encouraging your County Agricultural Fair with entries of farm products. If you don't make any entries, don't grumble because your fair is falling off in agricultural interests, and is fast evolving into an agricultural control. Show your loyalty and ability as a real live farmer. Make some entries. If you don't get the prize, you will have performed a duty you owe to your calling and your fair.

Keep a few of the late set out geraniums from blooming. As soon as the stem of bloom shows itself snip it off with sharp scissors. Treated thus a strong vigorous block plant will be developed, which can be taken up in the fall and potted for winter blooming. Treated thus they become wonderful winter bloomers as house plants. The small pod pepper plants also make very attractive winter house plants, with their wonderfully bright-colored pods, and contrasting foliage.

Again the sex controller man makes claims and trots into the public lime light. This time it is C. L. Eakin, in the National Stockman. He declares he has been feeding sheep, cattle and chickens to make them produce male or female progeny at his command. Says the same laws governs the determination of sex in all three. He says, "The kinds of foods I feed are bone and muscle-making food. The better the bone and muscle-making food, the more males one can produce."

Preserve some of your very best garden products and let them ripen so to save the seed. While it is always safe to buy garden seed from well-known growers it is in order to make a selection from the home garden when there is anything of unusual excellence.

Have you ever tried a walk in the

grand old woods when you are tired and weary with life's turmoil. Away off, far from the loudest city steam whistle—where the stillness is so marked. A well-known writer says:

"Happy is he, who with single heart and soul at peace with God and man, can spend a whole sunny day in the joy of rambling. How much to delight him, how much to instruct him in the quiet, suggestive ways of nature! All that he learns that day will be at first hand, out of the earliest book written, and all that he feels will be quick and fresh from the indwelling heart of Divine Love.

Some of the Maine farmers are concluding it will be a good plan to give up cows and keep sheep. Sheep are less trouble and more profitable. If the problem of how to rid the country of worthless cur dogs that kill sheep was solved, the sheep raising industry would become prominent in many States. In Virginia it is claimed a farmer's poverty is calculated by the number of dogs he keeps. The thrifty keeps one dog, and on down the line goes the comparison until is reached the farmer whose farm is sold at last for taxes, and he keeps a dozen or so of dogs.

A good orchard on the farm is one thing that is rarely ever fully appreciated. The orchard in time becomes an annual source of revenue that is over two-thirds profit. An Exchange tells of J. M. Pike, of Wayne, Maine, who has just refused \$5,000 for the apple crop of his five-acre orchard which he set out 20 years ago. He asserts his orchard the past four years has annually paid a four per cent. interest on \$20,000. That's apple pie sure enough, and way down east in Maine, where they've been talking about abandoned farms.

This notice to prospective visitors is credited to a German gardener: "To those kind friends who during the past season showed such interest in the contents of my humble garden: Take notice that in future the key can always be had on application, even during the night, and that to enter by the gate is much less dangerous than clambering over the wall. I shall further be deeply grateful if in future you would be so generous as to leave a little of the produce for my needs. Thanking you for past favors," etc.

For hay production the cowpea will generally give best results if cut when the first pods begin to ripen and cured as in the case of clover. In grain production harvesting should be done when most of the leaves have fallen and most of the pods are ripe. An old fashioned self rake reaper or a mower with a side delivery attachment will be found satisfactory for harvesting. Thrashing may be done with the ordinary thrashing machine, with the lower concave removed and replaced by a board and run at low speed. A corn shredder may also be used for thrashing.

A Peking correspondent says: "It is no uncommon sight to see twelve or

thirteen enormous fat pigs, with their legs tied, huddled close together having a ride in a Chinese cart with some sort of light cargo on top of them and a man sitting on the cargo. The pigs are silent, and consequently one would think they should not be objects for the action of the Society For the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals. The fact is that the animals are too fat and lazy to make any noise until disturbed at their journey's end, when bagpipes are as Italian opera to the terrific squealing heard."

Buffalo calves, as a rule, are born in April and May. They are active, vigorous little creatures, mild eyed as domestic calves, but possessing much greater strength and endurance. In a few seconds after birth they can get on their feet, and in twenty minutes they are fit to fight for their lives. Usually it is unnecessary for them to defend themselves at this tender age, as a buffalo cow is quite capable of attending to any business which may arise in connection with the defense of her precious baby.—Washington Star.

Gardens for Children.

It is an exceptional child who would not value flowers and a garden of its own. Boys and girls alike are diligent with a bit of ground where they can "plant things" and watch them grow. The workers in city missions know that even the most unpromising specimens of slum childhood can be won by flowers, and among children of more favored classes the moral influence of flowers is a force, though it is not recognized or extended as it might be. People living in villages or small cities usually have some ground around their homes in which they can set apart a place for the children's garden. The love of nature fostered by this garden making will prove a constant source of pleasure through a child's life. The cultivation of habits of close observation and the knowledge of useful and of harmful plants thus gained is sure to be of future value.—Woman's Home Companion.

In the Garden.

Come into the garden, Maud,
Where all was once so fair.
Come out and watch me wildly rave
And cuss and tear my hair—
It's all because the neighbor's hens
Have raised the dickens there.

The flower beds you loved so well
Are scratched and been laid low;
The pretty pansies that you praised
You never more will know.
And oh, dear Maud, just think of how
I toiled with rake and hoe!

There's not a blossom on the vine,
There's not a single pink,
And everything we had those hens
Have put upon the blink.
Please move the gasoline away
Or I shall take a drink.

Come look, my dear, on all this truck
We planted with such care—
Our radishes and lettuce—all
Are up and out for fair.
Excuse me, dear, I want to load
The shotgun hanging there.

Come into the garden, Maud,
And sit there by the fence,
And I shall hide behind the bush
With leaves and branches dense,
And then, my dear, I'll make those
hens
Resemble 30 cents.

—Milwaukee Sentinel.

Agricultural Co-Operation.

Farmers in Denmark have learned by experience the practical value of co-operation, writes Annie E. S. Beard in an exchange. So great a success have they made of it that farmers in other countries are studying their methods, with the purpose of inaugurating the system among themselves. The Danish butter and egg co-operative society will serve as a good example of the work done. The membership of this one organization numbers thirty thousand farmers. Fifty dairies are represented by it, and the butter made at these is sent to the headquarters at Ebsjerg to be blended and made of uniform quality before its exportation to England; four million pounds of it are shipped every year by this society.

The farmers send in every week their supplies of eggs, each one bearing the name of the farmer, the district and the date, so that bad ones may be traced back to the sender. The first process the eggs undergo is that of testing. They are put on perforated trays which are placed over a strong electric light confined within a wooden sink, in a dark room. The good are thus easily and quickly separated by their brightness and clearness from the bad, which are dull and muddy. A fine is imposed for each bad egg, on the farmer who sends it. The price is regulated by weight, not by number, and is paid weekly in accordance with the market rate in London or Copenhagen.

To prevent a glut in the market quantities of eggs are preserved in great vats of lime and water having an air-tight covering of water glass. These are sold where there is a scarcity and prices are good. The farmer is thus saved from loss by having to sell when prices are low.

This particular organization has been in existence about ten years and has therefore proved its right to be. It handles about \$2,500,000 a year, and the business is still growing.

The initial action in starting one of these co-operative societies is of interest. The farmers who unite in it undertake to supply a certain amount of produce. To raise the money required to start the necessary plant each farmer signs a note which makes him individually responsible for the whole amount of money needed. This plan would appear to be a risky one, but actual experience has proven it to be absolutely safe. It is easy with one or two hundred such notes to borrow the money needed to start the plant, at a low rate of interest, and the concern speedily becomes profitable to farmers interested.

The management is entrusted to a chairman and a small committee who give their services for very small compensation, and appoint a skilled manager who transacts the business details. At the end of each year a statement of receipts and expenses is made out, all expenses are paid, including interest on loan and depreciation, and the profits are distributed to each farmer in accordance with the amount of produce he has sent.

The benefits derived from this co-operative method are mainly these: Each producer, whether large or small, is enabled to dispose of his product at the minimum of expense and the maximum of profit. Established grades of excellence and a uniform quality bring better prices and encourage a growing market for prod-



RABBIT KEEPING.

How to Commence Successfully. The Selection of Stock.

(By E. S. Delamer.)

To begin rabbit keeping there are two modes of obtaining stock which the amateur has the choice of adopting. The first plan is to purchase full-grown animals, a buck and as many does as may be required, and to let them breed at once. Some persons are so little disposed to wait for the produce that they will buy a doe or two far advanced with young in order to see her progeny arrive as early as possible into the world.

The second mode is to obtain one or two litters of young rabbits after they are fairly weaned, at about nine or ten weeks old, and to tend them and keep them and feed them up till they are arrived at an age capable of being productive. Having ourselves repeatedly tried these two modes at different times of our life, we unhesitatingly recommend the second for preference for the following reasons:

In the first place, whoever sets about keeping any species of domestic bird or animal for the first time, will have a great many details to learn, which will be most easily acquired by the observation of individuals sufficiently advanced in life to do without the care of their parents, and also so immature as not to require quite yet the fulfillment of the great law of nature—"increase and multiply." There will be nothing beyond themselves to attend. We need only hint at the many points of health, diet, habits and peculiarities both of breeds, individuals and sexes, with which the amateur will thus become practically acquainted, and which will render him more competent for the management of his pets when they come to have offspring in their turn. It is also a more economical plan, requiring less outlay, and less liable to loss.

Quite young rabbits of any ordinary kind can be bought in the United States for twenty-five cents each. In case of failure, deaths are of less consequence; in the event of success, superabundant males and ugly and unpromising females will always be useful to make their appearance on the table. But to buy full-grown does that have already reared two or three litters of handsome appearance, and probably the favorites of their owner, the purchaser must expect to open his purse-strings, especially if he applies to a respectable dealer; a disrespectful one might possibly sell him, at a low price, a doe which, though a good looking animal, may have some un-
a but serious defect, such as an

invincible propensity to eat her young, or lurking symptoms of pot-belly and rot. Another point should not be forgotten; some does, which have proven excellent mothers with their old masters, if changed to fresh quarters (particularly if they have to travel far) when near their time of kindling, and tended upon by unaccustomed hands and gazed at by strange faces, will not do well in their new abode. They are apt to make an imperfect nest, to neglect their young and even to kill them; and this habit once begun is ever afterwards to be apprehended.

All these various mishaps which have disgusted many a beginner are avoided by stocking the court or the hutches with young individuals, which can be selected from, thinned out or exchanged until the amateur has a stud to his mind. All the males, be it observed, must be secluded as soon as they are four or five months old. Indeed, unless the breeder keeps a very large stock, or of particular choice and rare kinds, or lives in an out of the way part of the country, it will be found unnecessary to keep a buck at all. For a very trifling payment, which in most cases would amount to much less in the course of the year than the keep of a buck, the does may be sent when required to a neighbor's, and the trouble of maintaining a "royal hutch" will be spared.

But whether old does are to be brought in or young ones reared till they are capable of becoming mothers it should be carefully remembered that rabbits vary much in disposition as well as in race, and it is very conducive to successful breeding to keep such as are quiet and tractable. Some does absolutely like to be fondled, will allow themselves to be caught without attempting to escape, will squat on the ground when their owner approaches to stroke them, and will submit to be carried about in the arms as quietly as a doll, while others will run away like wild things in a court, and if disturbed in the privacy of their hutch will squeak, grunt, scratch and kick their litter about to the destruction of their nest, if they happen to have one.

If, after the foregoing caution, it be still determined to begin with a stock of full-grown animals, the points to be insisted on are, in the doe, teats visibly in a healthy and natural state, plump and swelled with milk if the term of pregnancy is advanced or she has already littered; the head with reference to the length of the muzzle and the breadth and development of the occiput, should form a sort of wedge; ears long, broad and fine; chest expanded; legs strong, and wide apart. As far as profit and fecundity are concerned, a doe ought to bring forth not less than eight at each birth on an average. If she constantly produces less it will be advisable to change her, even although she may be young and in good health; for it is an acknowledged fact that all individuals are not equally suited for production.

The buck is at his best from one to five years of age; the doe from eight months to four years; of course care will be taken to see that they are not pot-bellied. Hard and well-pelleted dung is a certain indication of good health. It would be very convenient if there were unfailing signs, as in oxen, sheep and horses, by which the exact age of a rabbit up to a given period could be ascertained; but all that can be done is, to distinguish

vaguely an old one from a young one. The least equivocal symptoms of old age are, the general solidity and thickness of the skeleton, especially at the joints, as far as they can be felt by handling; the development of the belly to a considerable amount of obesity; and finally, the length and thickness of the nails.

Breeding does, when kept in hutches, are much better each in a hutch to herself than inhabiting one common dwelling, however roomy it may be. When a number of does live in the same hutch the consequences are sometimes quite as unfortunate as if the buck were in company with them. If the doe kindles, and leaves her little ones for a moment to feed, the other does immediately crowd around the nest through an instinct of curiosity, peep into it, and not seldom disturb it with their paws. The mother rushes up to drive the other does away; a battle ensues; and half the little rabbits are either killed or wounded for life. The pregnant does which take part in these skirmishes generally suffer abortion in consequence of their excitement and the blows which they give and receive in the combat. The owner may read the Riot Act afterwards, but the mischief is done.

Handling Rabbits.

Rabbits are sometimes injured by being handled clumsily. The proper way to take hold of them is to grasp the ears with the right hand and to support the rump with the left. To seize them by the leg is apt to dislocate a limb, especially in the case of creatures that are shy; an injudicious grip around the neck or the body may prove unexpectedly and suddenly fatal by injury to the vertebrae, compression of the lungs or breaking of the ribs; a hasty clutch at the tail may cause the fur of that ornamental member to come off in one piece and spoil the animal's beauty for life. The instantaneous way in which an adroit hand will kill a rabbit, apparently by the merest touch, gives a forcible hint of the caution we should use in allowing a favorite animal to be captured and pulled about by inexperienced persons. For does with young, the greatest tenderness is indispensable.—E. S. Delamer.

An Ancient Dog Story.

A delightful dog story has been exhumed from the misty past and is now preserved in the records of an old court at Southampton, England. It dates from 1587 and must be told in the quaint terminology of the period: "Item we present yt at the tyme of our sytting there hath ben complaynt made of another dogg, betwene a masty & a mungrell, of Ueter Quoyte's which hath strong qualtyties by himselfe, which goying lose abroad doth many times offend the neyghbors & wyll fetch out of there howses whole peces of meate, as loynes of mutton & veal & such lyke & a pasty of venison or a whole pownde of candells at a tyme, & wyll not spoyle yt by the way but carry yt whole to his masters howse, which being a profytable dogg for his master, yet because he is offensyve to many yt is not sufferable, wherfor his master hath forfeyt for every time 3 shillings 4 pence (83 cents). And be yt comaunded to kepe him tyed or to putt him away upon payn to forfeyte for every tyme he shal be found in the street 3 shillings 4 pence."

Abbie Ben Adams.

Abbie Ben Adams, may her life be spared,
Awoke one night and felt a trifle scared;
For on her shirt-waist box, crossed-legged, safe
A Vision writing on a little slate.
Exceeding nervousness made Abbie quake,
And to the Vision timidly she spake,
"What writest thou?" The Vision
looked appalled
At her presumption, and quite coldly drawled:
"The list of Our Best People who depart
For watering-places sumptuous and smart."
"And am I in it?" asked Miss Abbie.
"No,"
The scornful Vision said, "You're poor, you know."
"I know," said Abbie: "I go where it's cheap:
I can't afford mountains or prices steep,
But, ere you leave, just jot this item down,—
I never leave my cats to starve in town."
The Vision wrote, and vanished. Next night, late,
He came again, and brought his slate,
And showed the names of people really best,
And, lo! Miss Abbie's name led all the rest!
—Carolyn Wells in Ex.

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The Right Sort of Inquiries.

To The American Fancier:
We are getting a great many inquiries from our advertisement in The American Fancier and they are of the right sort and have several fine sales under way. We care more for this class of inquiries than those we receive by the dozen and which never amount to anything.
PRAGER & SHILLING.
Chicago, Ill., April 26, 1906.

To The American Fancier:
It seems like old times to get The American Fancier in its up-to-date form. This first, the others afterwards. Wishing you success, I am,
Very respectfully,
ELLIS DUNTZ.
Glencoe Mills, N. Y., May 3, 1906.

Pigeon Fancy, Flying and Pet Stock

EDITED BY H. M. POCKMAN

The American Fancier is for all, and not for a few. No fancier can assume that he knows so much more than other fanciers as to be able to dictate the policy of this paper. Its editors flatter themselves that they are able to separate wheat from chaff, and to do this is a duty, which though at times it may be unpleasant, they will never neglect.

The struggling amateur, oftentimes also a struggle with poverty, has feelings as sensitive, perhaps, as his more wealthy rival. To make this more explicit, we do not propose to uphold a sort of monarchical dynasty, a favored few in the fancy to whom all others must bend their knee.

The damp weather during the past few weeks has had an ill effect on the young stock and many fanciers are having heavy losses. The best plan is to close the ovaries during this rainy spell and feed very sparingly on the best of grains, a few drops of tincture of iron in the water will be most beneficial especially as the moulting season is approaching.

Young pigeons at this time of the year, frequently show evidences of having taken cold; we would recommend trying the homoeopathic remedy some time ago so frequently recommended for poultry, Spongia. It is easy to administer if given in pellet form. Three to five pellets three times a day at first, diminishing doses as it improved. The loss from this cause is sometimes heavy in some lofts, and a quickly and easily administered remedy is what is needed to be effective.

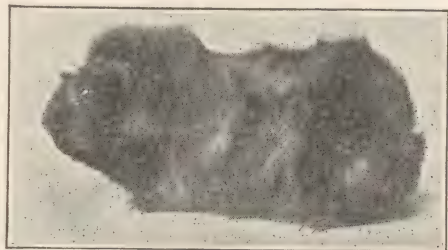
Pigeons flying at large frequently get their foot and leg entangled with a hair, which after a time becomes tightly twisted around the leg causing it to become inflamed, to swell, and we have seen instances where by this means the toes had become shrunken, shrivelled and finally dropped from the foot. If you see a pigeon standing around and holding its food as if in pain examine it and you will frequently find this the cause.

The question of regular exercise for Homing Pigeons at this particular season of the year and throughout the winter months, is one that all good flyers should carefully consider and bear well in mind, and is absolutely essential for the well being of their birds. The flying fancy abounds with extremists. There are those who overwork their birds, and there are those who don't work them sufficiently. We have many who exercise little or no judgment in this particular direction, and next to seeing that the birds are well and snugly housed, an all important point is to see that they are also

thoroughly and completely handled.

Out of the hundreds of pigeons raised annually it is remarkable how few really tiptoppers find their way to the show pen. In England prominent breeders are satisfied if they get about half a dozen real good ones in a season. In this country we hear of some who can trot them out in their fifties. But then some folks, ducks are all geese in their eyes and not a few of these geese, swans. We are not ambitious for numbers, we are satisfied with small mercies and a few, just a few good ones of each variety is all we are after.

In fantail alley, we are informed from a couple of western fanciers, they have raised a few likely to cause a sensation when they trot them out for exhibition. Our advice to those fanciers is to take good care of them as our experience has been the best are the ones we are most likely to see



pine and die. Give them all the fresh air they need and don't overcrowd. If accommodations are limited don't hesitate for an instant to make pot pie of all those that lack promise. It will pay you to do so no matter how well bred they may be. Show birds can be sold at all times at a good figure.

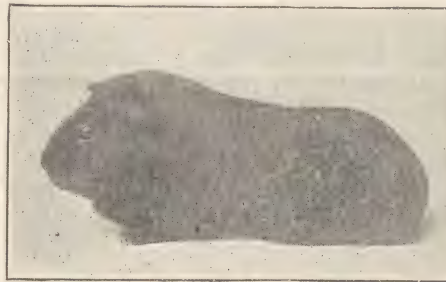
Breeding of self-colored varieties of pigeons does not tend to so much disappointment as parti-colored ones.

Do nothing hastily, but give your pigeons a chance if you have used your best judgment in mating up originally. Blood will always tell.

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Cavies as Pets.

To the lover of pets, unable from any cause to keep fowls, pigeons or dogs, this little animal, in connection with rabbits, can be made to fill the desired want. Their odd little ways, comparative cleanliness and harmlessness make them desirable pets, and as they can be kept in a limited space no objection can be raised on this score. A box or pen six feet long, two feet wide and eighteen inches high at the front and twenty-two inches at the back, give slant enough for the roof to shed water. This roof should be hinged at the back, and so answer as a lid to the box, through which the refuse can be removed and feed provided for them. On the front side an opening three feet long and four inches wide, well guarded with strong wire netting, should be made for air and light. This pen should be raised at least two feet from the ground and made of good inch stuff; this is to prevent rats from gnawing through and dogs from breaking in. The idea prevails in some localities that cavies will drive rats away, but experience teaches us that rats always get the best of the fight when they are pitted against each other. There are two varieties known in America, the smooth-haired and the rough-coated or Abyssinian. These rough-coated pigs are curious looking little fellows, as the hair is long and quite stiff and dispersed over the body in what is known as "cow licks." The smooth-haired are, to our idea, the more preferable of the two for beauty, and we would never keep



an Abyssinian except as a curiosity. The term pig is given them doubtless from the peculiar shrill grunt they make when interested or excited. Their size when full grown is from seven to eight inches long; they have a head shaped much like a rat, except that the nose is shorter and not so sharp; ears are short and carried always erect; eyes full and bright. They are tailless, which is a surprise to a novice. But when told that if a guinea pig is held up by his tail its eyes will drop out, they see the joke, and realize how fortunate they are to be tailless. They feed on grain, hay and vegetables, the same as rabbits, and always need an abundance of hay or straw; at least our experience is that they thrive best with plenty. They are not so prolific as rabbits, rarely having more than four young at a birth and oftener only two. The

young, unlike rabbits, are born with eyes open, and are soon in possession of their faculties and able to move about at once. The colors are chiefly white and black, white and tan, a mixture of the three colors known as tortoiseshell, and some are self colored, say pure white, yellow or black. Their cleanly habits make them unobjectionable even in the house, especially if, as they should be, their pens are cleaned every day. Hayseed, chaff, sawdust or pat moss makes a good litter and keeps the pen dry. In England much attention is paid to them, and they have their cavy clubs, and count much on exhibiting them, but there is little interest taken in them here, and there are thousands of people who never saw one.

Greater Boston Concourse Race A.

The 500-mile race was flown from Aylmer, Ontario, Saturday, June 23, 1906, 247 birds, 42 lofts, 6 Districts. No waiting for favorable winds but liberated on day set by T. Bruce Nairn at 5:10 clear and calm. At home a hard northeast storm soon after 12 with darkness by 6:30. Next morning thick fog until 10 A. M. 18 lofts did not get a bird for record and many diploma winners went under. First 3 get solid silver cups for prizes.

Webber, W. P., Lynn	780.98
Fifield, W. E., East Lynn	780.08
Hight, F. H., East Lynn	775.47
Reichardt, O., Lynn	770.32
Hersey, F. C., Jr., Wellesley	770.32
Hill, T., Lynn	768.82
Lockwood, W. A., East Lynn	751.28
Lloyd, A., Malden	731.23
Irwin, A., Arlington	715.98
Horsman, G., Malden	699.20
Clark, W., Lynn	689.37
Hersey, W. A., Wellesley	683.92
Lucke, C., Boston	659.86
Dear, P., Malden	651.36
Howarth, R., East Lynn	643.19
Hutchinson, C., East Lynn	624.95
McMath, H., Wellesley	612.63
Hill, H. A., Lynn	610.24
Macgeehan, W. E., Arlington	600.00
Laycock, R. H., Malden	595.72
Smith, W., Lynn	594.45
Trengove, C. T., Arlington	593.17
Dooley, M. F., East Lynn	590.71
McGloan, J., East Lynn	578.00

F. C. HERSEY, Jr.,
Race Sec'y.

White Robin in Maine.

An albino robin which has mated and built a nest in Bangor is causing considerable comment among bird lovers and observant people generally.

The bird, while not literally white from head to foot, has enough light feathers to make him a decided curiosity, not to say freak. The whole back of the robin is white. Many Bangor people have seen this bird, which is quite tame and has a nest near the house of Hon. F. A. Wilson, at the corner of Broadway and Somerset street.

The little curiosity may be seen nearly any day in that vicinity digging for worms or going about his daily routine in a quiet and gentlemanly manner, not at all as freaks usually act.—Kennebec Journal.

Seems Good to Him.

To The American Fancier:
It seems good to get the Fancier in the good old way, and there is but one "American Fancier," and that is when "Drev" is the Editor. We hope that all the cranks in hedom will do their little bit to push a good thing along.

Yours truly,
PERMARTHEL POULTRY YARDS,
H. G. Ruth, Mgr.
Olean, N. Y.

The Dagoon.

In treating of this, one of the finest varieties of our fancy pigeons, it would be well to give a moment's thought to the name, as the variety was originally christened, and to the name, which by common usage it will be contracted into, unless we guard against it. By some writers and many fanciers the name is now spelt with one "o," making the word dragon, which means a winged monster of the serpent species. What greater injustice can well be imagined than comparing one of the most beautiful of our fancy pigeons with this uncanny animal. The dragoon is a composite breed, being made up mainly from the carrier and horseman; hence the name dragoon, which is a mounted horseman or cavalryman; hence the name carrier, horseman, dragoon, all conveying the same idea to the mind.

It has always been a wonder to me that a variety that has so many qualities to recommend it, as the dragoon, should be bred so little as is the case in this country. They are very hardy and quite easily reared. To any fancier who admires the thoroughbred, we do not see how the dragoon can fail to appeal to their fancy, for there is no other variety, excepting the carrier; that has their fineness and raciness of appearance. They are a very gamey bird, and from top of head to sole of foot, they are in entire harmony; with every muscle fully developed, they are the very quintessence of graceful life. They are far more hardy than the carrier, and their beak is not disfigured with that enormous and abnormally developed beak wattle, which makes the carrier repugnant to many who would otherwise admire them greatly. Yet, notwithstanding, the dragoon is very scarce and but little bred in this country. This may be in a measure due to the fact that really good specimens are very scarce and hard to procure, thus making it very difficult to secure suitable breeding stock without importing, which expedient the purses of many fanciers will not allow.

The breed is a great favorite in England, and there is probably no other variety that brings out so large a class on an average, as the dragoon, and consequently upon that, of course, there is no class in which the rivalry is more keen, while in this country even at our largest shows, it is the exception rather than the rule, to find as many as one-half dozen on exhibition. The points of a dragoon are as follows: Skull, wedge-shaped and broad, slightly curved; beak, slightly curved, thick at base, gradually tapering and in length one and a half inches from tip to corner of eye; eye wattles, small, not fleshy, slightly pinched behind; eye, large and prominent, rich red in all colors except whites, whose eye should be dark hazel; neck, of medium length, entirely free from gullet; breast, broad; shoulders, very prominent; back, perfectly straight; wings, very strong, flights carried slightly above tail; tail, running on a line with the whole body, carried free from the ground and extending half an inch beyond the end of the flight feathers. The dragoon should be fifteen inches in length from point of beak to tip of tail. Blues are the most fashionable and extensively bred of all; next comes blue checkers and silvers; besides these are blacks, yellows, whites, reds, duns and grizzles.

The Brabanconne Fowl.

The gratuitous pamphlet which the Brabanconne Club has edited, announces the triple aim of this society, viz., the reconstitution, selection, and exhibition of the Brabanconne fowl.

The intention is most praiseworthy and meritorious; but I frankly state that the object pursued will remain unrealized if one does not determine forthwith precisely the characteristics of the breed, writes Mr. Marius Leveque in Chasse et Peche. I might have, then, from this triple aim, suppressed the second point, the first being but the result of it, and reserved the enterprise of the third until the time when the first had been accomplished. When chance places in the hands of an aviculturist a fowl easily to be acquired, but which could be considered precious when its numerous qualities had been observed; when that amateur desires to conserve with the hope of profiting in the future from the advantages which the subject would procure him, when he finds from its products characteristic of a primitive type when he meets outside of his own establishment poultry identical with his, and highly esteemed for the same reasons of utility; when he does not hesitate to affirm that altogether these poultry constitute a breed which his perspicacity had saved from oblivion; what do we see?

Everybody searches for it and finds it—so they think—in subjects which have some light resemblance to the type depicted. Each believes he possesses it, and with a general commercial aim advertises for incubation the eggs of unblemished specimens. Many an amateur charmed by these advertisements has allowed himself to be gulled by the unprincipled exploiters of his credulity.

Thus it happens that an aviculturist as far as the Brabanconne is concerned, obtains from twelve eggs paid for very dearly, six pullets "frightfully mixed with yellow-footed Italians."

Confessions so candid sometimes cause ironical smiles, but only on the lips of conceited dupes. For my part, I search in vain for the pleasant side of these pitiful farces, and I sincerely deplore the indelicacy of these proceedings so sadly prejudicial to the future of a good breed.

For some years past one has talked about the Brabanconne, and of the classes reserved to it at exhibitions. A club was formed to protect it, but nevertheless I mistrust it and doubt even its homogeneousness.

Poor Brabanconne! I wish you well, because I love you, but I will not attempt to describe the ideal type of which for you I dream, until I have proved that I love you above all for your precious qualities. Nobody has up to the present contested your endurance, precociousness, and extreme fecundity. On you repose great hopes, and some consider you as a sure source of a new addition to national prosperity.

In 1896 Flanders, where Minorcas and Andalusians are very plentiful, although one complains of their want of rusticity, exported to England 270 million eggs, worth seventeen million francs. In 1902 the exports increased to 325 million eggs, representing twenty million francs. At this last period we imported more especially from Russia, Hungary, Denmark, and Italy

450 million eggs for the sum total of thirty-one million francs. If Belgium then consumes her total production of eggs, she remains indebted to the foreigner for nearly 125 million eggs, of which the cost is nine million francs.

What will lay to supply our needs; what will permit us to invade the English markets? The Brabanconne, the true fowl of the country. Every kind of soil, heavy or light, every kind of enclosure, large or small, suits it. Everywhere the Brabanconne is at home, even where the Brackel has its habitations. Why should its eggs be less numerous and smaller than those of its sister with the more distinguished plumage, if the farmers and cultivators give it the same care? I maintain that their produce will be superior, more especially with regard to people who only possess a small piece of ground, and who wish nevertheless to utilize the scraps from their table, and who keep them in small enclosures of four feet square.

What are the qualities claimed for this breed? Above all, the familiarity of its character which permits it to submit to all the exigencies of domestication without losing its vivacity. To give an abundance of fine eggs this bird, beyond an abode, only requires in its enclosure the elements of nourishment, which it finds when at liberty, viz., good water, chalky substance, meal, and green stuff. It has excessively fine feet, bones, with close-set scales and consequently impervious to scaly leg, and resisting easily continuous dampness, which arises in spite of a thick bed and frequent renewal of cinders and grit.

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When wet and cold there came a boy,
Up to the farmer's door,
Can you tell me, said he if any there
be,

Who would like to give employ,
For to plow and to sow,
To reap and to mow,
To be a farmer's boy.

My father's dead my mother left,
With four children small;
And what is worse for mother still,
I'm the eldest of them all.
But though young I will work as hard
as I can,

If once I can get employ.
For to plow and to sow,
To reap and to mow,
To be a farmer's boy.

But if no boy you chance to want,
One favor I would ask,
To shelter me till dawn of day,
From the cold and wintry blast,
And at break of the day I'll trudge
far away,
And elsewhere will seek employ.
For to plow and to sow,
To reap and to mow,
To be a farmer's boy.

The farmer's wife cries, try the lad,
Let him no further seek,
Oh do! papa, the daughter cries,
While tears ran down her cheeks;
For those that will work, 'tis hard
they should want,
Or to wonder for employ,
For to plow and to sow,
To reap and to mow,
To be a farmer's boy.

The farmer's boy he grew a man,
The good old farmer died.
He left the lad with all he had,
And his daughter for his bride,
The boy that was, now a farmer is,
And he thinks and smiles with joy,
On the break of day, when he passed
that way
To be a farmer's boy.

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DATES CLAIMED.

Under this heading there will appear each week a list of all the shows claiming dates for the coming season. Secretaries of poultry, pigeon and pet stock exhibitions will confer a favor by sending in the dates selected as promptly as possible. It is not only a convenience and guide to secretaries of shows that have not selected their dates, but of great interest to readers of The American Fancier, a majority of whom are exhibitors.

Aug. 21-24, Wellsville, N. Y. A. S. Stillman, Alfred Outer, Supt. Poultry.
Aug. 21-24—Cortlandt, N. Y. Cortlandt County Agricultural Society, W. J. Greenman, Secretary.
August 21-24, Rockville, Md., G. O. Brown, A. E. Warner, Judges; Calvin Hicks, Superintendent.
August 21-24, Wellsville, N. Y. L. E. Hopkins, Secretary; A. S. Stillman, Supt. Poultry.
Sept. 3-6, Taunton, Mass., E. P. Washburne, Pigeon Judge and President.
Sept. 3-7, Columbus, Ohio, T. E. Orr, Judge; W. W. Miller, Secretary.
Sept. 3-8, Orangeburg, N. Y., J. F. Gilchrist, Secretary.
Sept. 11-13, Mercer, Pa. Mercer County Fair and Poultry Show. T. E. Orr, Judge; John P. Orr, Secretary.
Sept. 12, Altomont, Ill., Dr. A. W. Baker, Superintendent.
Sept. 17-21, Riverhead, N. Y., Harry Lee, Secretary.
Sept. 17-22, North Yakima, Wash. State Fair, G. A. Graham, Secretary; Harry H. Collier, Superintendent Poultry.
Sept. 17-23, White Plains, N. Y. Westchester County Agricultural Society, J. H. Drevenstedt, and W. J. Stanton, Judges; Fred Harries, Supt. Poultry.

Sept. 18-21, Allentown, Pa., The Allentown Fair; H. J. Schall, Secretary; W. Theo. Wittman, Supt.
Sept. 24-29, Mineola, N. Y., Robert Seaman, Supt. Poultry.
Sept. 24-29, Spokane, Wash. Inter-State Fair, Robt. H. Cosgrove, Secretary.
Sept. 25-28, Poughkeepsie, N. Y. Dutchess County Agricultural Society, T. C. Van Wyck, Superintendent Poultry.
Sept. 25-29, Spokane, Wash., Robert Cosgrove, Secretary; H. H. Collier, Supt.
Sept. 25-29, Trenton, N. J., Inter-State Fair, T. Farrer Rackham, Newark, N. J., Superintendent Poultry.
Sept. 28-Oct. 5, Springfield, Ill., W. C. Garrad, Secretary.
Sept. 29-Oct. 5, Sedalia, Mo., J. R. Rippey, Secretary.
October 2-5, Chatham, N. Y. Columbia County Agricultural Society, W. A. Dardess, Secretary.
Oct. 2-6, Puyallup, Wash., John Mills, Secretary; Harry H. Collier, Supt.
Oct. 8-13, Nashville, Tenn. Tennessee State Fair Poultry Show, J. Howard Sledd and R. E. Jones, Judges; John A. Murkin, Jr., Supt.
Oct. 9-12, Hagerstown, Md., Geo. O. Brown, J. H. Drevenstedt, D. A. Nichols, W. J. Stanton, J. F. Craugle, Chas. McClave, W. C. Denny, W. G. Minich, Judges; W. F. Spahr, Secretary, Poultry Department.
Oct. 17-18, Girard, Ill., Heimlich, Judge; H. K. Young, Secretary.
Nov. 12-15, Garnett, Kans., Rhodes, Judge; Hattie A. Weld, Secretary.
Nov. 12-17—Houston, Tex., Heway S. Fox, Jr., Secretary.
Nov. 12-17, San Jose, Cal. Santa Clara Valley Poultry and Pet Stock Association, E. Van Every, Secretary, Edenvale, Cal.
Nov. 15-17, Wellman, Ia., Shellabarger, Judge; E. J. Coffey, Secretary.
Nov. 16-17, Manhattan, Kans., Chas. E. Smith, Secretary.
Nov. 20-23, Winfield, Ia., Shellabarger, Judge; Russell Canly, Secretary.
Nov. 21-23, West Haven, Conn. D. A. Nichols, D. J. Lambert, W. R. Graves, Judges; E. J. Crawford, Secretary.
Nov. 21-23, New London, Ill., Russell, Judge; F. L. Clanson, Secretary.
Nov. 21-24, Holton, Kans., Rhodes, Judge; T. A. Fairchilds, Secretary.
Nov. 22-24, Englewood, N. J. Lloyd M. Hallenbeck, Judge; Henry Cundell, Supt. Poultry.
Nov. 22-24, Englewood, N. J., N. R. Pendergast, Secretary.
Nov. 26-30, Cedar Rapids, Ia., Shellabarger, Judge; S. G. Smith, Secretary.
Nov. 26, Dec. 1, Dallastown, Pa. York County Fanciers' Association, G. O. Brown, Judge; Jacob Eberly, Sec'y.
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Nov. 27-30, Carthage, Mo., Rhodes, Judge; C. A. Emry, Secretary.
Nov. 27-Dec. 1, York, Pa. C. T. Cornman, William G. Minich, Judges; J. N. Lovett, Secretary.
Nov. 28-30, Fairfield, Ill., Russell, Judge; J. R. McElldrey, Secretary.
Nov. 29-Dec. 1, Vienna, Ill., Heimlich, Judge; Chas. M. Pichens, Secretary.
Nov. 28-Dec. 2, Moline, Ill., Shellabarger, Judge.
Dec. 3-5, Brookfield, Mo., Rhodes, Judge; J. S. Hill, Secretary.
Dec. 3-6, Ravenwood, Mo., Russell, Judge; Robt. Larmer, Secretary.
Dec. 3-7, Mason City, Ia., M. V. Bicker, Secretary.
Dec. 3-7, Ellicottville, N. Y., Geo. W. Webb, Judge; William Green, Secretary.
Dec. 3-8, Rolfe, Ia., Heimlich, Judge; Marion Bruce, Secretary.
Dec. 3-9, San Francisco, Cal. California Poultry Association, J. C. Williams, Secretary, Fruitvale, Cal.
Dec. 4, Youngstown, Ohio, T. E. Orr, Judge; W. H. Crossler, Secretary.
Dec. 4-5, Jackson, Mich., F. W. Travis and S. Butterfield, Judges; C. W. Kroosz, Secretary.
Dec. 4-7, Holyoke, Mass., George Barnett, Jr., Secretary.
Dec. 4-7, Philmont, N. Y. D. A. Nichols, Judge; G. J. Anderson, Secretary.
Dec. 4-7, Humeston, Ia., Shellabarger, Judge; Geo. King, Secretary.
Dec. 4-7, Mt. Sterling, Ill., Meyers, Judge; Eugene Hambar, Secretary.
Dec. 4-8, Paterson, N. J., J. Frost, Secretary.
Dec. 4-8—Youngstown, O., H. J. Crossler, Secretary.
Dec. 4-8—Wilkes Barre, Pa., David T. Miller, Secretary.
Dec. 4-8—Providence, R. I., Rhode Island Poultry Association, W. I. Brown, Secretary, 6 Exchange Place.
Dec. 4-8, Anardarko, Oklahoma Territory, Fite, Judge; Plaff, Secretary.
Dec. 5-8, Grand Rapids, Wis. Grand Rapids Poultry Association; B. G. Eggert, Secretary; Frank Heck, Judge.
Dec. 5-8, Paterson, N. J. Paterson Poultry, Pigeon and Pet Stock Association; Charles Frost, Secretary.
Dec. 5-8, Danbury, Conn. Western Connecticut Poultry Association, Charles H. Brundage, Secretary; Judges, J. H. Drevenstedt, T. F. McGrew, Hon. David Nichols and W. H. Card.
Dec. 5-8, Ellensburg, Wash., Harry H. Collier, Judge; Mrs. S. F. Montgomery, Secretary.
Dec. 5-10, Birmingham, Ala., McClave, Sites, Judges; Klwyn Ballard, Secretary.
Dec. 6-8, Villisca, Ia., Russell, Judge; F. M. Childs, Secretary.

Dec. 6-8, Fulton, Mo., Rhodes, Judge; D. W. Whanger, Secretary.
Dec. 6-9—Danbury, Conn., C. H. Brundage, Secretary.
Dec. 10-14, Waverly, Ia., Shellabarger, Judge; B. L. Burbank, Secretary.
Dec. 10-14, Sheboygan, Wis., James Tucker, Judge; E. C. Kuehlmann, Sec'y.
Dec. 10-15, Great Bend, Kans., Fite, Judge; J. A. Lesseman, Secretary.
Dec. 10-15, Warren, Ill., Heimlich, Judge; B. L. Wright, Secretary.
Dec. 11, Warren, Ohio, T. E. Orr, Judge; Wm. G. Baldwin, Secretary.
Dec. 11-14, Lewistown, Mo. Lewistown Poultry Association; A. O. Brooking, Secretary, La Belle, Mo.; Frank Heck, Judge.
Dec. 11-14, Winsted, Conn. F. D. Hallet, Secretary.
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Dec. 11-16, Tacoma, Wash., Henry Berar and Harry H. Collier, Judges; Mrs. C. A. Pratt, Secretary.
Dec. 12-14—Kingston, N. Y., F. E. Miller, Secretary, Rifton, N. Y.
Dec. 12-15—Corsicana, Tex., W. E. Elliott, Secretary, Box 281.
Dec. 12-15, Fresno, Cal. Fresno Poultry, Pigeon and Pet Stock Association, George R. Andrews, Secretary.
Dec. 12-15, Stoughton, Wis. Stoughton Poultry Association; Sylvanus Ames, Secretary; Frank Heck, Judge.
Dec. 12-15, St. Mary's, Ohio. Wick Hathaway, Judge; F. F. Aschbacher, Secretary.
Dec. 14-19, Charleston, S. C. G. O. Brown and F. J. Marshall, Judges; T. J. McCarty, Secretary.
Dec. 17-20, Clarinda, Ia., Rhodes, Judge; John Lagerquisk, Secretary.
Dec. 17-21, Mound City, Mo., Russell, Judge; W. H. Weightman, Secretary.
Dec. 17-21, Pierce City, Mo., Emry, Judge; Thomas Carlin, Secretary.
Dec. 17-22, North Yakima, Wash., W. C. Denny, Judge; S. H. Schreiner, Secretary.
Dec. 17-22, Sullivan, Ill., Lane, Judge; D. W. Duncan, Secretary.
Dec. 18, McConnellsville, Ohio, T. E. Orr, Judge; G. M. Foster, Secretary.
Dec. 18-21, Geneva, Ohio. R. H. Munger, Secretary.
Dec. 18-21, Greenfield, Ia., Shellabarger, Judge; Mrs. S. E. Alley, Secretary.
Dec. 18-21, Jacksonville, Ill., Heimlich, Judge; Ralph Dunlap, Secretary.
Dec. 18-22, Ponce City, Oklahoma Ter., Fite, Judge; Flem. Smith, Secretary.
Dec. 19-21, Rutherford, N. J., E. J. Irwin, Secretary.
Dec. 19-22, Holland, Mich. Holland Poultry and Pet Stock Association; L. S. Sprietsma, Secretary; Frank Heck, Judge.
Dec. 19-22, Mohnsville, Pa. Wyomissing Poultry Association; George W. Hatt, Secretary, Mohn's Store, Pa.; Charles T. Cornman, Judge.
Dec. 19-23, Mohn's Store, Pa., Comman, Judge; Geo. W. Thompson, Secretary.
Dec. 20-22, Wenatchee, Wash., Harry H. Collier, Judge; John N. Johnson, Secretary.
Dec. 20-22, Savannah, Mo., Rhodes, Judge; S. C. Schmitt, Secretary.
Dec. 24-28, Walden, N. Y. D. A. Nichols, Judge; Chas. A. Dawson, Sec'y.
Dec. 24-26, Elgin, Ill., Shellabarger, Judge; M. E. Meredith, Secretary.
Dec. 24-26, Forrest, Ill., Heimlich, Judge; C. C. Johnson, Secretary.
Dec. 24-29, Oakland, Ill., Lane, Judge; O. L. Minter, Secretary.
Dec. 24-29, Oskaloosa, Ia., Shellabarger and Russell, Judges; J. R. Hoover, Sec.
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Dec. 25-28, Alleghany, Pa., E. Sites, Judge; Chas. Fuller, Secretary.
Dec. 25-29, Beatrice, Neb., Fite, Judge; Frank E. Lenhart, Secretary.
Dec. 26, Shelby, Ohio, T. E. Orr, Judge; W. O. Smith, Secretary.
Dec. 26-29, East Greenville, Pa. Geo. W. Webb and F. H. Castuer, Judges; C. A. Mack, Peinnsburgh, Pa., Sec'y.
Dec. 26-29, Macomb, Ill., Heimlich, J. A. McFatch, Secretary.
Dec. 27-29, Spicard, Mo., Leon A. Tracy, Secretary.
Dec. 29-Jan. 2, Meriden, Conn., D. A. Nichols, W. N. Card and D. J. Lambert, Judges; W. W. Slets, Secretary.
Dec. 31, Kokoma, Ind., Lane, Judge.
Dec. 31-Jan. 2, Gordonsville, Mo., Heimlich, Judge; E. W. Hink, Secretary.
Dec. 31-Jan. 4, Jackson, Mo., Rhodes, Judge; Chas. Behrans, Secretary.
Dec. 31-Jan. 5, Lansing, Mich., J. A. Tucker, Judge; J. A. Turner, Secretary.
Dec. 31, Jan. 5, Greenfield, Mass. D. J. Lambert, Judge; Lee W. Devoss, Sec'y.
Jan. 1, Leipsic, Ohio, T. E. Orr, Judge; H. S. Enck, Secretary.
Jan. 1-4, Lima, Ohio. C. E. Cram and J. E. Gault, Judges; Edw. Helsner, Sec'y.
Jan. 1-5, Madison Square, New York City, H. V. Crawford, Secretary.
Jan. 1-5, 1907, Elgin, Ill. F. H. Shellabarger, Judge; Winfield W. Britton, Sec'y.
Jan. 2-5, South Bend, Wash., Harry H. Collier, Judge; F. M. Heath, Secretary.
Jan. 2-5, Bedford, Ia., Russell, Judge; D. C. Moehler, Secretary.

Jan. 4, Goshen, Ind., T. E. Orr, Judge; Will H. Schadt, Secretary.
Jan. 7, Auburn, N. Y., T. E. Orr, Judge; J. H. Scott, Secretary.
Jan. 7-11, Aurora, Ill. Aurora Poultry Association; Walter M. Smith, Secretary; Frank Heck, Judge.
Jan. 7-11, Denver, Colo., Heimlich, Judge; G. W. Veditz, Secretary.
Jan. 7-12, Auburn, N. Y. Annual meeting of American Poultry Association with Auburn Fanciers' Association. J. H. Scott, Secretary.
Jan. 7-12, Normal, Ill., Pierce, McClave, Tucker, Fite and Heyl, Judges; A. L. Moore, Secretary.
Jan. 7-12, Topeka, Kans., Heimlich, Judge; D. M. Owen, Secretary.
Jan. 8-10, Lenox, Mass. Honest "Dave" and Shaylor, Judges; L. H. Peters, Secretary.
Jan. 8-10, Barre, Vt. H. B. May and C. A. Ballon, Judges; James E. Mitchell, Secretary.
Jan. 8-11, Middletown, Conn. Graves and Bunnell, Judges; Arthur L. Clark, Secretary.
Jan. 8-11, Dallas, Texas, Lane, Judge; Albert Beeman, Secretary.
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Jan. 9-13, Chilton, Wis. Chilton Poultry and Pet Stock Association; A. Stransky, Secretary; Frank Heck, Judge.
Jan. 9-13, Sharon, Pa. H. A. Emmel and A. F. Kummer, Judges; John S. Leslie, Secretary.
Jan. 9-15, Detroit, Mich., Richard Oke, H. P. Schwab and S. Butterfield, Judges; T. F. Millsbaugh, Secretary.
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Jan. 14-19, Blackwell, Oklahoma Ter., Fite, Judge; Geo. Carson, Secretary.
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Jan. 16-22, Portland, Oregon, Elmer Dixon, Judge; F. Fenwick and E. Carlisle, Secretaries.
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Jan. 21-24, Kankakee, Ill., Russell, Judge; E. P. Vining, Secretary.
Jan. 21-25, Salt Lake City, Utah, Heimlich, Judge; C. J. Sanders, Secretary.
Jan. 21-26, Walla Walla, Wash., Elmer Dixon, Judge; J. M. Davis, Secretary.
Jan. 21-26, Adrian, Mich., J. L. Heathcock, Secretary.
Jan. 21-26, Rockford, Ill., Shellabarger, Judge; Chas. S. Gilbert, Secretary.
Jan. 21-26, St. Joseph, Mo., Rhodes; E. L. McDonald, Secretary.
Jan. 21-26, Fort Wayne, Ind. The Peoples' Poultry and Pet Stock Association, T. E. Orr and George Ewald Judges; D. F. Ault, Secretary.
Jan. 22, Fort Wayne, Ind., T. E. Orr, Judge; P. C. Hiller, Secretary.
Jan. 22-26, Ft. Wayne, Ind., Pierce, Judge; J. E. Lentz, Secretary.
Jan. 22-26, Jeffersonville, Ind., Pierce, Judge; J. E. Lentz, Secretary.
Jan. 22-26, Schenectady, N. Y., I. L. Whitney, Secretary.
Jan. 23-26, Butler, Pa., A. F. Kummer, Secretary.
Jan. 28-31, Oelwein, Ia., Russell, Judge; J. R. Perry, Secretary.
Jan. 28-Feb. 1, Mitchell, So. Dakota, Heimlich, Judge; Raymond Thompson, Secretary.
Jan. 28-Feb. 2, Cleveland, Ohio. Cleveland Fancier's Club Co.; F. L. Gruchl, Secretary; 1922 Woodland Ave.
Jan. 28-Feb. 2, Ann Arbor, Mich., J. A. Tucker, Judge; Geo. R. Cooper, Secretary.
Jan. 28-Feb. 2, Springfield, Ohio, Ira Keller, Judge; Albert Leitz, Secretary.
Jan. 29, Washington, Pa., T. E. Orr, Judge; Dr. Geo. M. Boone, Secretary.
Jan. 29-Feb. 2, Sault Ste Marie, Mich., Frank W. Traviss, Judge; E. W. Burgoyne, Secretary.
Jan. 29-Feb. 2, Concord, Mich., Tucker, Judge; Geo. R. Cooper, Secretary.
Jan. 30-Feb. 1, Cedarvale, Kans., Rhodes, Judge; L. D. Whartendy, Sec.
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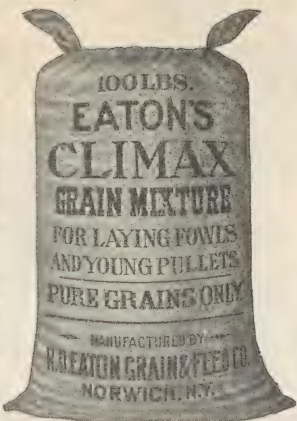
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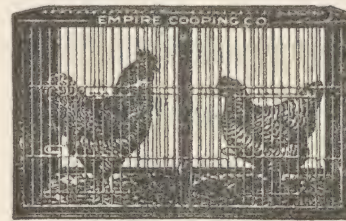
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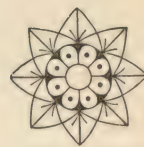
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POINTERS ON LICE



BY EDGAR E. McINTOSH.

As in all branches of business, the hen man has his seasons, as they come around, he ought to be ready for them. We all enjoy the egg season, when it comes around, and then the hatching season, which is one of the most anxious three weeks of the year, and if we have a good hatch, it is the beginning of the most pleasant part of all—to watch the would-be prize winners—and right here is where the fancier can, and must, begin to study. He knows his parent stock, and he has marked his chicks. He notes his flock's changes. One chick will take his eye as soon as it is put out of doors. He watches and always looks for that chick every time he goes near them, and there is no better way to study a breed. By doing this he can pick out his chick much earlier than one that has not observed his flock. I was told by an old breeder of Plymouth Rocks that the best time to pick out birds was at six weeks old. I am not a Plymouth Rock man, so cannot say as to that as a rule, but this man spends so much time with his hens that he knows by years of study—every man for his breed.

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Now, after the chicks are hatched, our trouble begins; for, if hatched in an incubator, we have a batch of chicks free from lice. So far so good—but now comes the great stumbling block. Put these incubator chicks

in a good broody hen, that may be more or less lice on her, and she will have them no matter how much you powder the nest; or they may put them into a good brooder, new or old. If old and was used the season before, and never disinfected, or the new one is near the old one, and the chicks mingle with one another, or run near your old fowl, some how or other the lice will get on them; and worse than all it is a mistake to take chicks hatched under a hen and put them in a brooder, for lice will multiply themselves a great many times before you are aware of it. I am speaking of all these things because I have been there *both feet*. This lice question is, has been, and always will be, a drawback to most of us. Some of us wise fellows have profited by past experience. I know I have and I could have done it years

ago if I had tried certain ways, but I always used lots of powder, coal-oil, lice-killers, and so on, but somehow I always had some lice left for seed and before I was aware of it, I was having more than was good for my chicks, and hens. I never could kill all lice on a hen by dusting with powder, for, when you dust one part of the body, the foxy lice would run to another part of the hen and you have got to get the powder right on the lice. The lice are away down on the skin of the bird when you are after them. You may fetch a few of them and keep them down, but the hen will flutter and more or less of the powder will drop off the hen. Surely she will dust herself, but how many dusting places does a hen have to dust in that has the right kind of killing dust? Nearly all are of a sandy nature; some of a heavy loam. Sand is good to scour the feathers and loam is good to polish them; but a dusting place to do the work, and the right kind of dust, is right out in the public highway—yet I do not let my hens run in the highways and cannot carry the highway into my hen yards, so I have to do the best I can. Even if I could have both, it would not kill all lice. It would keep them down in good shape.

I always enjoy watching a hen or chick take a bath for they enjoy it, and it is natural for them to do so. I like to watch the sparrows dust in the roads. They act as if it was as much fun as the boys in the pond. This is the season with the man who keeps hens that is of more account than any other for no chick will, and you cannot expect it to do well and grow up as one that never had his first life blood sapped out of him.

There is another season a little later on, after hatching time, and that is mite season. I guess all hen men, and hen women, know what red and grey mites are. They are hard little fellows. Whether in fun or earnest they crawl on us and make us feel awful funny. Wonder how the hens and chicks feel with millions and millions crawling on them—a new gang every night until they get full and then crawl back out of sight. Just imagine a flock of hens and chicks roosting with mouths wide open, wings expanded, standing up these hot summer nights trying to get air enough to keep alive. These things we cannot very well help, but when we let these little mites abound in millions and torment these poor suffering hens and chicks night after night, it seems as much of a crime as abusing any dumb animal. I would like to see one of the

fellows tied hand and foot and made to roost with the hens one night. I bet that he would pity the hens enough to get rid of them after he got his strength to tell some one else to do it, or do it himself. It is surprising to see some good Christian person that allows this thing to happen right along. There are lots of them. Now, do not think that I am picturing this thing in a very black way, for I am not painting it as black as it is. Surely, there are lots of people that would not let a louse or mite live in their hen house, but there are a hundred times more that would, and do, and worst of all, *will not* try to reduce them and make all manner of excuses. Some will waste more grain trying to dust the chicks than they would to buy some lice killer. I had a man—and a great hen man he thinks he is—come and ask me what was good for these little mites. He said when he picked up the eggs his arm was completely covered with gray mites and they bothered him all night—that they did not bother the hens much for he used coal-oil on the roosts, and the way he used them I guess he did not bother the mites on the roost either. There is a way of doing all things, and that is to do it to accomplish what you intend. I find mites are like lice. You have got to get right on to them or get the stuff on them so that it will *kill*. Some coal-oils will never kill, but do not think because you tell them that you will fix them now with a little coal-oil that those you do not see will die, for you will have to keep at it for at least once a week; twice is better, for when you kill all you can, there are as many more come along to take their places, so keep at it. One will be surprised to find how many can hide in a very small season crack. One can usually trace them by the white mealy down on the outer edge of the cracks, and if they are plenty (the red ones), you can smell them. I will give several formulas for killing them. Coal-oil, or better known as kerosene, is the liquid used to make the bulk. Some put in crude carbolic acid; some crude petroleum, and a number of different drugs, but one that is cheap and sure death is Naphtholene Flakes. It is known by several names. I get it for ten cents a pound. I take the kerosene and put in all the Naphtholene Flakes that will dissolve, or a little more. Soak it well right on the roosts and supports. It is cheap. Do not be afraid of it. Surely it will not kill any it does not touch, so you will have to do them again in a week, but keep at it.

Now, for the nests, I use two methods. I use orange or cracker boxes and if they get too thick I take them out into the yards and turn out the chaff or hay, sprinkle oil on it, set fire to it, stand by and keep stirring it up, and get a good blaze on. Pull the box on it and you will drive out all the mites, red or gray. Have a couple of pails of water handy. If the box is good, save it. If not, let it burn. They cost five cents each. Now, these old charred boxes will not harbor mites like new ones. Now comes the hardest task of all—the mites that live in the floor. If it is a dirt floor, you can get them all right. I take my wooden pail, about three gallon size, and put in one-half pound blue vitrol. Let it dissolve entirely. In the morning I take all the nests and moveable things on the floor out and shut the hens and chicks out and take my six-quart watering pot and pail of vitrol and sprinkle the floor all over. *Soak* it well; *soak* it again, and let every particle of the floor get *wet*, not damp. Then shut up so that nothing can get in until all is dry. This burns them. Be sure to wash your watering pot with clear cold water immediately after using the vitrol, for vitrol will eat metal. You may not have to use vitrol but once. I pay fifteen cents a pound for it.

I have tried lots of lice killers, but these are the surest and cheapest. I usually dissolve the Naphtholene Flakes in a four quart bottle and have it on hand during the mite season, and, as I use it, I use a tin coffee can and a paint brush three inches wide and paint the supports and roosts, and you can do it much better than spraying. I have used both. Whitewash will kill all it touches and so will hot water, but you keep at the roosts twice a week and as the number is reduced, more will come along and be ready for you. You can keep them down. In some houses it seems almost impossible to get the best of them. Some wood brings more than others. I have been told that they were nothing more than wood lice, bred from wood. At any rate, whatever they are or whatever makes them, they are good breeders and are troublesome little mites.

I will tell you how I fix my body lice. I sent to the Charles Childs, of Cleveland, Ohio, for one of their lice-killing machines. They made me a guarantee on their circular. I sent my money and have tried it and found it to do just what they claim. I followed directions, which are very simple, and one evening I put 300 chicks through it in one hour and

later about 100 fowl. I have tried to keep lice down and spent more money every year white-washing, lice-killers, powder and labor than most hen men do, because I did not want lice and mites in my houses. I honestly believe any man that keeps hens is out more than the price of this machine every year on account of lice. I examined my hens at times since I used this machine and I have not seen a single louse on them since and that was over three weeks ago. I do not ask anybody to take my work for the good work this machine will do, but just try one. My machine cost \$3.00 in Cleveland, and \$1.15 to get it here—\$4.15, and I feel as if the machine had paid for itself already and I have the machine just as good as when it arrived. Take pity on your hens and send and get a machine. Do as I did. Two of my neighbors chipped in and it cost us about \$1.40 each. Surely, it won't work automatically, and it takes two to use it, but I used it alone and put 41 fowl through it in less than 40 minutes. I do not make a long story of this operation for it can be used more quickly than you realize. I took off two batches of chicks the 15th of this month (July) and not a head louse on the chicks and not a louse could I find on the hen, for I took the hen off her eggs the last week of her setting and put her through the machine. I feel well pleased to recommend the machine for I know what a task it is to dust hens and then never get them all off and with less comfort. Take my word for it, brother hen men, and you will find out to your surprise how many lice really live on a hen. For a test take a hen after you put her through this machine and shut her separate and one hour afterwards examine her. You will see half dead ones on the down of the feathers; also take a piece of white paper and hold under the hen and ruff the feathers the wrong way and see how many drop on the paper. Now, do not say you cannot afford one of these machines, for you cannot afford to be without one. Better do without something else. This machine ought to be in all poultry supply houses, and all shows, so the hen man could see how they work. I hope you will try one of these machines and encourage the use of them in your vicinity. It does not matter to me personally, but I know how I feel when I get a louse or mite on me and have some pity for the hens. I have given the cheap and sure ways of getting rid of lice and mites and now, I can see no reason why a good hen man should sit in his hammock, or in the nice cool evening, and know his hens and chicks are being tormented with lice and mites and not try to keep them down. I would rather fight mosquitoes all evening than have one louse or mite on me. Remember the Golden Rule, for this is the golden rule in the hen house, and just apply it to the lice and mites and you will say, why did I not use one of these machines and blue vitrol, kerosene and Naphtholene Flakes before. For the hens' sake do not keep this a secret. Tell it to all so that some other poor suffering hens and chicks can live a happier life. It is no formula of mine. I have used it for years and I saw it in one of our old Farm Poultry issues nearly 15 years ago, so pass it along. Why I mention blue vitrol is because I have never seen it in any of our poultry papers recently, but it is all right. I hope there will

be less mites and lice and more humane hen men.

WHY POULTRY PLANTS FAIL.

By A. F. Hunter, West Roxbury, Mass.

It needs but a few words to tell you why poultry plants fail. It is the fault of the man or woman who is running the plant. I think we have had enough in the last two days about successful poultry plants, and the methods employed in making them a success, to show us that where there is a failure it is the fault of the man who is managing the farm and not the fault of the poultry business. There are, it is true, a good many collateral aids and methods which he employs in producing his failure. One of these is probably a poor poultry house. I visited a poultry plant not many weeks ago in which the proprietor has been quite successful, and he is beginning to talk about going to California. He got tired of operating his plant, and is desirous of unloading it upon some easy mark.

There are some who fail from lack of capital, and that is a very common cause of failure. They start out with very large ideas of what they are going to do, and get an idea of the great profits with very little work. With a few hundred dollars in hand they retire from their clerkship and start a poultry farm, and they invest all their money in two or three buildings, and have no income, and the first thing they know they have not any money left. They have exhausted their credit, they cannot make both ends meet, and they fail.

Another very common cause of failure is ignorance. We all know the maxim, "Fools rush in where angels fear to tread," and certainly amateurs in the poultry business rush in where we, who have had much observation, would not think of treading.

Another very common cause of failure is weak stock. We have heard some very interesting talk this afternoon about the vitality of stock, and the need of culling out the weaklings, and an instance comes to my mind now of a letter sent to me by Prof. C. K. Graham, a brother of your Professor here. It describes a disease that had broken out in a poultry yard owned by a German. I thought it was consumption. It might have been aggravated by scrofula. I sent the letter on to a medical friend of mine, who immediately pronounced it consumption. Prof. Graham was instructed to visit the man and investigate the matter, and that is a step, I am glad to say, that is being taken in many instances. The President of the College has told Prof. Graham to go and find out what was the trouble. They want to help these men as much as they can, and Prof. Graham immediately went and made an investigation. He visited this poultryman, who had some very choice stock of Silver Laced Wyandottes. He had won quite a number of ribbons, but he had lost in vitality of his birds, and his stock dying, simply for want of strength and vigor. Consumption had broken out in it, and, as Prof. Graham said, all the stock left on his place was not worth the powder to blow it up. He had told him that he had better kill a cockerel that he had examined, but the man said: "Oh, no, he has a very fine feather," and he could not be convinced that he was up against one of the most serious problems of the business. He had simply run his stock

into the ground by breeding for a very fine feather—breeding with the glamour of the blue ribbon dangling before his eyes—and had entirely thrown away the natural vigor possessed by the stock, and that I think has been the cause of the enormous number of failures in the poultry business. I will say without fear of contradiction, that is the cause of much of the debility, and at the cost of a great many dollars. People buy birds at shows thinking they will make good breeding birds.

Mr. Graham: You would not say all exhibition birds are not strong?

Mr. Hunter: No, there are some that are strong; but as a rule a great deal of show stock is debilitated by the shows and by the stimulating food that is fed to them to get them in show condition. Down in the States we have an English firm that coop most of our large shows, and they fed a highly stimulating food, and some of our breeders are so disgusted with the effect upon the birds being overstimulated that they are going to complain. I have seen some birds taken out of the show coops dead from the overstimulating food. Some poultrymen will inbreed generation after generation, and build up his stock by doing it, but three out of the five will lower it. I have had twenty years experience of observation in this line, and I have seen it again and again that men have gradually weakened their birds until finally the stock is almost completely run out, and I look upon this inbreeding and overwrought show system as one potent cause of the disappointment and failure in the poultry business.

We have an example in New England of the failure of the turkey business which was largely due to the stupidity of the turkey growers, who wanted to get higher prices for the best matured birds at Thanksgiving time. We make Thanksgiving one of the principal holidays of the year, pay a high price for turkeys at that time, and consequently kill all the best birds for Thanksgiving, and a little later they kill the next best birds for the Christmas market, and then what were left, which would be the smallest birds of the flock, would be retained for the next year's breeding. You can easily see what the ultimate result would be, and now we are sending to the West for carload after carload of turkeys for Thanksgiving. Vermin have also helped to put the poultrymen out of business.

Mr. Graham: Would you say to breed from the best birds regardless of relationship. Suppose the best bird happened to be a brother?

Mr. Hunter: No, I would not. I would want to be three-quarters away if possible. That is a matter for careful experiment, a great deal would depend upon the vigor of both.

The Chairman: Have not experiments been made of very close inbreeding without debilitating?

Mr. Hunter: Yes, without any immediate debility. Mr. Pigtmire tells in one of his books of a Black Spanish pullet exhibited in London. It was a wonderfully beautiful bird, so beautiful that it was a marvel to everyone, and yet it never produced an egg.

A Member: I have inbred for five years, and have never had any evil effects, and I have even had a great increase year by year in the same work.

Mr. Hunter: The moment you see

a bird is constitutionally weak you should kill it. One successful poultry man that I know, who has made \$9,000 in the last eighteen years, and who keeps about five hundred fowls, is a country store keeper, and only attends to the fowls morning and evening. I was going through his poultry house and he saw a bird that was out of condition, and he immediately twisted her neck and said he would bury her by and by. If we would be so true to ourselves as that, there would be no danger of our running down our stock even if we inbred. You might bring up half a dozen reasons why poultry plants fail, I am confident myself that it is the fault of the individual and not at all of the business.

Mr. Graham: How much are the newspaper men to blame?

Mr. Hunter: Quite a good deal. My conscience troubles me a lot.

The Chairman: Shortly, to summarize some few points in Prof. Rice's remarks. He impressed me very much with the absolute of a rigid culling of stock, and also pointed out the weakness from over kindness. He showed us a number of colony houses of various descriptions, and apparently from his experience the most profitable size for these colony houses is 8 by 8. That is the size I use myself. (Applause). One feature that is very pleasing is that we can do away with the fences. We have felt the necessity of putting up individual runs to our pens. With regard to Mr. Hunter's remarks they can be summarized very quickly. The cause of failure is generally the lack of the man or the woman, or lack of capital, lack of knowledge, and lack of vitality in stock. Mr. Hunter has not heard of white diarrhoea. I think Mr. Graham will back me up that one particular form of white diarrhoea has done a great deal of injury. I believe it can be controlled, and we are going to do it. I am sure I express the feeling of the meeting when I say we are deeply grateful for the good advice these gentlemen have given us to-night.

(To be Continued).

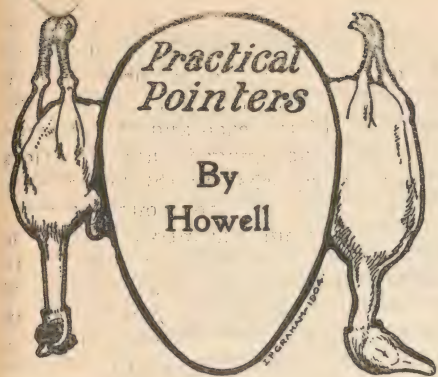
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A little observation around and about the country shows the crop of 1906 chickens to be an average more advanced in growth than at the same time last year.

A glance at the flock tells the kind of fowls the owner is.

Roast spring chicken is mighty fine eating and it devolves upon us poultrymen to do all we can to enlarge and improve this branch of the industry.

The hint of Prof. Rice on the value of molasses feeds for growing and fattening fowls and chicks should not be forgotten.

The dairyman is using great quantities of these feeds to advantage, and there is no reason why they should not prove equally as good for hens. All last winter I added suet to mixed feed, and that name is well adapted to moistened ground feed, the more kinds you put in and the more you stir it the greater value accrues from the mixture.

You will observe the chick which feathers out first, like the Minorca and the Leghorn, often prove to be nothing but a bunch of feathers when you pick them up, same with Brahma. No good until they reach six months of age.

Now some molasses added to their feed is bound to put the meat around their breast bones and will be found in many cases to be just the element needed in their food to round them out.

In the case of the medium-sized breeds the benefit may not be so striking; there are the natural roasting chicken at the age of three and four months, a well fed chick of this description is always palatable, under the new method it becomes a luxury equal to any stall-fed stock whose quality is lauded so highly.

We are all looking for the most we can get for the money when buying feed, so don't overlook any opportunity to pick up wheat screenings, the price per bushel is lower and the feeding value higher, the many small weed seeds they contain are much relished by the fowls. After storing my next year's supply of wheat for the fall of 1907, I ordered the field to be raked and all stray stalks of grain within reach of the fowls. What a picnic they had for several days; what industry can be stored in such small bodies? No wonder the chicken authorities advocate activity to promote egg production in winter. It simply must be painful for a hen capable of scratching over a garden in an hour to be obliged to sit around all day on a perch in winter and not so much as a straw or leaf in sight to work with.

The part-grown Leghorn cockerel is a mischievous rascal, and has no place in among the pullets and younger stock; shut them up by themselves; if that is impossible, kill them. Wishing to push a few cockerels I have allowed them their liberty, but to-night after a three days' absence my time has been prettily well taken up rescuing other

chicks from fence corners and places sought for safety.

The trouble-makers will have a new home to-morrow, but not so luxuriant.

NEW YORK MARKET.

(Journal of Commerce, Aug. 13.)
EGGS.—Receipts to-day, 10,010 cases. No special features were developed. The small proportion of strictly fancy fresh eggs makes a firm feeling on such and quotations are being exceeded occasionally, but the great bulk of the receipts from all sections still show very defective quality, and for this class of stock holders are anxious to effect prompt sales; they are accepting the rates that have been current for the past few days, but it seems probable that the situation may improve a little next week if present advices of lighter shipments are fulfilled.

State, Pa., & nearby, selected, white, fancy.....	24 @ 25
State, Pa., & near-by, selected, white, good to choice.....	22 @ 23
State, Pa., & near-by, white, ordinary to good.....	19 @ 21
State, Pa., and near-by, mixed colors, extras....	22 @ 23
State, Pa., & near-by, mixed, extra-firsts....	20 @ 21
State, Pa., & near-by, firsts.....	18½ @ 19
Western, selected, finest....	19 @ 19½
Western, firsts.....	18 @ 18½
Western, seconds.....	16½ @ 17½
Western, thirds.....	15½ @ 16
Kentucky, fresh gathered..	15 @ 17
Dirties, per dozen.....	12 @ 15
Checks, per dozen.....	9 @ 12½

The official quotation of the New York Mercantile Exchange is 18a18½ for Western firsts.

LIVE POULTRY.—There were no carload lots unloaded to-day, but two cars that arrived yesterday are being carried over on the track by the receiver. Trading has been fairly active the past few days in both fowls and chickens, but little if any movement to-day. Market is in good shape, and not over two carloads will have to be carried over by jobbers. Other live poultry pretty closely cleaned up, and feeling about steady.

Spring Chickens, Western, per lb.....	@ 14
Spring chickens, Southern and Southwestern.....	@ 14
Fowls, per lb.....	@ 13½
Roosters, per lb.....	@ 8
Turkeys, per lb.....	@ 12
Spring Ducks, Long Island, per lb.....	@ 14
Ducks—Western, old, per pair.....	70 @ 80
Southern, old, per pair..	50 @ 55
Spring ducks, Southern, per pair.....	@ 40
Geese, per pair.....	90 @ 150
Live Pigeons, per pair....	@ 25

DRESSED POULTRY.—Very little fresh stock arrived to-day, and market was cleaned up closely of both fowls and chickens, and fancy grades firm, especially in chickens. Large lots have arrived this week more or less out of condition from lack of sufficient ice, and such grades have had to be forced out to cheap buyers at low and irregular prices. Long Island and other nearby spring ducks were sold slowly this week, but have gradually worked out at unchanged prices. Squabs plenty and slow.

FRESH KILLED.

Turkeys—Average lots.....	@ 13
Poor to medium.....	@ 12
Spring Chickens—Philadelphia, dry-picked, 3½ a 4 lbs. av'g to pair, fancy.....	@ 22
Philadelphia dry-picked, over 4 lbs av'g to pair, fancy.....	@ 20
Philadelphia dry-picked, av'g run.....	@ 18
N. Y. & Pa., dry-picked, fancy.....	@ 18
N. Y. & Pa., dry-picked, av'g run.....	@ 15
Western, dry-picked, fancy, large.....	@ 15
Western, dry-picked, average.....	@ 14
Western, scalded, fancy, large.....	@ 15
Western, scalded, av'g..	@ 14
Southern & Southwestern, average.....	@ 14
Poor.....	@ 12
Fowls—Philadelphia, dry-picked, fancy.....	@ 14½
Philadelphia, dry-picked, average run.....	@ 14
Western, dry-picked, selected, bbls.....	@ 14
Western, dry-picked, average run.....	@ 13½
Western, dry-picked, poor to med.....	@ 13
Southern & Southwestern, dry, selected, bbls.....	@ 13½
Western, scalded, selected, bbls.....	@ 13½
Western scalded, average run.....	@ 13
Western, scalded, poor to medium.....	@ 12½

Southern & Southwest'n, scalded, selected, bbls...	@ 13½
South'n & Southwest'n, inferior grades.....	@ 12½
Other Poultry—Old cocks, dry-picked....	@ 8½
Old cocks, scalded.....	@ 8½
Ducklings, Long Island & Eastern.....	@ 12½
Ducklings, other near-by	@ 12
Ducks, old, L. I. & other nearby.....	@ 10
Geese, spring, Eastern, white.....	@ 18
Squabs, prime white, 8 lbs to doz, per dozen.....	@ 3 00
Squabs, prime white, 7 lbs to doz, per dozen.....	@ 2 00
Squabs, prime white, 6½ lbs to doz, per doz.....	50 @ ..
Squabs, mixed, per doz....	25 @ 1 50
Squabs, dark, per doz....	25 @ 1 37
Squabs, culls, per doz....	50 @ 60

FROZEN.

Turkeys—Hens, No. 1.....	18 @ 19
Toms, No. 1.....	@ 19
Toms, No. 2.....	12 @ 14
Old Toms, No. 1.....	17½ @ 18
Capons—Western, 8 lbs and over, each.....	@ 19
Western, under 8 lbs each	17 @ 18
Broilers—Milk-fed, dry-picked, 4 lbs and under to pair.....	18 @ 20
Milk-fed, dry-picked, over 4 lbs to pair.....	15 @ 16
Dry-picked, 4 lbs and under to pair, No. 1.....	16 @ 17
Dry-picked, over 4 lbs to pair.....	12½ @ 13
Scalded, 4 lbs and under to pair, No. 1.....	15 @ 16
No. 2.....	10 @ 11
Roasting Chickens—Milk-fed, dry-picked, fey.	16 @ 17
Fancy, soft meat.....	@ 15
Average, No. 1.....	12 @ 14
Chickens—No. 2.....	8 @ 10
Fowls—No. 1.....	12½ @ 13
No. 2.....	8 @ 10
Ducks—No. 1.....	@ 12
No. 2.....	10 @ 11
Geese—No. 1.....	10 @ 11
No. 2.....	8 @ 9

Preparing Poultry for Summer Shows. (From Poultry, England).

The novice exhibitor is handicapped more particularly in summer showing, because the difficulty of keeping birds in fit condition for the show pen is greater at that season of the year, and the man with small means and limited accommodation can scarcely hope to turn his birds out in the same form as those of the more fortunate person who is able to indulge in the comparative luxuries of shady runs and numerous small houses and covered runs for his exhibition birds. In many cases we find the novices' birds spoiled before the summer show season commences, for birds that have been running in open breeding-pens, even if, being hens, they have emerged with all the feathers on their backs have invariably lost what brilliance of coloring they ever possessed, and no amount of washing or sponging will restore the color or the lustre that sun and rain have taken away. To show such birds in these days of keen competition is little less than a waste of money; hence it becomes essential, if the amateur desires to indulge in summer showing, that he should turn out his birds in the best possible condition.

A bird that has been cared for during the past three or four months, that has lost none of its feathers, and that has never been exposed to rain and sun, can need nothing more than the mere final details that comprise the toilet of every bird just before it goes to the show. And there can be no doubt that it pays to take care of valuable birds during the breeding season so that they may be in fit condition to win when the summer shows come round. It can be done by providing shade and shelter for the breeding stock so that on wet and sunny days they can be kept under cover, and in the case of hens, by letting them run with the male only for a short time during each day. Neither fertility nor vigor need be sacrificed if one uses one's powers of observation and a little

common sense in arranging these matters; but the fact remains that all this runs to considerable expense, and that many are forced to be content with either the limited accommodation of the scratching-shed or else let their birds take their chance.

In the latter case the show birds should be moved from the breeding pens as soon as one can conveniently close the breeding operations, and if this can be arranged by the end of March there may yet be time to prevent much damage being done, and what little has been done may be remedied during the next few weeks if the birds are kept under cover. A bird that has become badly faded will never be got back to her original color, but in the case of one that has been slightly affected by the sun it is remarkable that a few days' confinement in a dark room will work wonders in the way of reviving the brightness of the plumage. This refers more particularly to bright colored birds, but in nearly all colors some improvement may be noted as the result of this confinement. Sponging the plumage has been recommended for removing the faded appearance, but it should not be overdone in the case of bright colored fowls. A little sponging to remove dirt to impart a gloss to the feathers is all very well, but too much water is not good for the color. In the case of white fowls washing is, of course, a necessity, but unfortunately that will not remove the yellow sun-stain that disfigures so many birds belonging to amateurs in summer time.

Combs and lobes, that suffer so much from exposure, may be restored to show condition by means of confinement. The rough weathered look gives place to one of fineness after a week or two under cover, and, in the case of the comb, the addition of a little sweet oil rubbed in occasionally. Legs are comparatively little trouble unless they have become scaly, which they should never be allowed to be, but in any case there may be some little trouble in getting the winter's accumulation of dirt from beneath the scales.

But there are growing chickens to consider, and the earliest of them are already putting up their adult feathers in view of the early chicken shows. A chicken's plumage is just as liable to be spoiled by rain and sun as that of an old bird, and those who have had all the trouble in rearing these early show birds should prevent the possibility of the fruits of their labors being denied them, through a little carelessness at the present time. Either a shaded run, or those useful little appliances known as cockerel houses, in which one cockerel, or two or three pullets, may be housed, should be employed, and if it should be necessary to hurry the development of the comb recourse should be had to the dark house.

Cleanliness is of the utmost importance, and dirty quarters for a show bird should never be tolerated. A bird of this class must be made thoroughly comfortable, and there can be no comfort for any creature that has to scratch among filth and suffer under a plague of vermin. In the matter of preparing for show the amateur has an excellent example set him by the professional, and though it may not be in the former's power to emulate the latter, he can, at any rate, follow his principle as closely as possible by remembering that, first and foremost, prevention is better than cure.



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The dates for the "Great Rochester Show" are January 14 to 19, 1907, and the Flower City Poultry and Pigeon Association hopes to make it fully equal to its predecessors. The old guard is in charge and knows the show game from A To Z.

An up-to-date poultry show will be held in connection with the County Fair at Wilmington, Delaware, September 4 to 7. It is in the hands of the fanciers of the above city, which assures it being a success.

We ran across Mr. M. B. Blauch one day last week at "Billee" Stanton's subway poultry and pigeon emporium. Mr. Blauch will be remembered as the lively and energetic manager of the Mt. Gretna poultry shows made famous by him a decade ago. He has left the State of Pennsylvania and is now located at Jamaica, Long Island, N. Y., where he holds a responsible position with the Long Island railroad. At present he is minus a feather, but expects to go back into chickens and poultry on a small scale soon as he can find a suitable place to keep them. In the olden days Mr. Blauch was a star in the line of showing high class birds, and several good birds came from England to his yards at long prices.

Editor Miller Purvis surprised us most agreeably one day last week by calling at the American Fancier's office. He is on an Eastern tour in the interest of Poultry, the paper he has done so much to make a leader in its class. As a monthly publication it has set a high standard, and stands practically alone taken from a practical and artistic standpoint. It is the only monthly magazine devoted to poultry that is published at one dollar a year, but every fair minded reader will admit that it is well worth the price asked. Another monthly publication based on similar artistic lines will be issued September 15th by the publishers of Poultry. It will be called Pigeons and devoted exclusively to the Columbarian feathered tribe.

Faked poultry illustration and getting some hard raps from the editors of the Reliable Poultry Journal and Poultry, England's greatest moralist and novelist, Charles Reade's book "It's Never too Late to Mend" must have fallen into unexpected hands and reformed most agreeably the owners of the digits. It beats the cars, however, the speed in which the reformers proclaim their goodness. Still it is a good sign, even from an advertising standpoint. It may be old-fashioned to think that "the good are born good" yet we must assume that goodness can be produced by a process of evolution caused by public opinion on matters touched upon above.

The Great Cambridge Fair will be held September 3 to 7, and the fame of its big Poultry exhibit of past years is sufficient guarantee of a grand exhibit this season. The prizes are liberal and the management enjoys a well deserved reputation for efficiency and courtesy. Fanciers like to show at Cambridge, the competition in most classes being very strong, quality ruling very high in nearly all varieties.

Mr. W. C. Ochampaugh is Superintendent of Poultry and will look after the comforts of the birds and their owners in true Cambridge style.

The Sixty-Fifth Fair Prize List of the Dutchess County Agricultural Society has just been issued, and like its predecessors is a model of completeness in classification and neatness in printing. The poultry department as usual is very liberally provided for, the cost prizes being worth more going after, especially when there are no strings attached to them. The veteran Theodore C. Van Wyck is again in charge of the poultry and pigenos, a job he has held for many years and in the performance of same he stands without a peer. He made the Poughkeepsie Poultry Exhibit famous in fall fair annals, and equal to the best of winter shows in systematic arrangement of birds and promptness in the placing of ribbons. The Empire Cooping Company will do the caging and feeding with Chief Marshall Wemple in charge, which is a guarantee that the work will be performed in the highest style of the art. Mr. Tebbs will furnish the famous disinfectant Pino-Lyptol to keep the birds healthy and the air pure. J. H. Drevenstedt, George W. Weed and James Glasgow are the judges engaged. Entries close September 14, the dates being September 25 to 28.

There seems to be little likelihood of the Crystal Palace and International Shows of England being amalgamated, to judge by Secretary Holt's letter in Poultry, England. Mr. Holt speaks for the Palace management and explains the prize money fiasco, and suggests a remedy for the evil that has nearly destroyed the greatest show in England. He further explains the reason for setting the show dates back one week as a favor to the National Chrysanthemum Society, and not as being due to any fear of the International function which is set for same days as the Crystal Palace was prior to the change. It is a source of much regret to quite a number of American fanciers that these two great exhibitions should be rivals and divide the prestige a winning may get at either show. Quite a number of American bred birds were to be sent to England next fall, and it was confidently expected that the two factions would bury the hatchet, consolidate their forces and restore the Crystal Palace Show to its former greatness, the leading poultry, pigeon and pet stock exhibition of the world.

Not long ago the American Fancier said that eggs imported from Belgium were better for the table than many of the eggs right off the farms of New York. Farm Poultry called this "a peculiar view for an American poultry paper to take."

We see nothing peculiar about it. The simple fact is that farmers (not all, but many of them) unless the poultry is looked after by their wives, pay no attention to the hens, but let the eggs accumulate in the nests, get adled or half incubated by broody hens, and then when a supply of groceries is needed the eggs are all gathered from every nook and corner, carried into town and sold as fresh laid. "The farmer feeds us all," but sometimes it's mighty poor stuff he offers us.—The Fancier's Monthly.

Editor Hooker has evidently traveled some and observed the condition of things governing the egg product, consequently he is not hindered by the real facts of the case and at the same time is broad guaged and fearless enough to say what he thinks; no matter whether it touches our national pride rather unpleasantly. There is considerable room for improvement in the handling, marketing and selling of American eggs and poultry, i. e., in many instances. The greed for the dollar is still too great and the law governing the sale of these products still too crude to expect uniform and high-grade results. The patriotic editor who resides in the well conducted Hub of the United States certainly would not feel badly if he were told that Canadian eggs were not so many moons ago, a very popular article of commerce, and commanded extra prices. They had the distinction of being fresh and dependable at all times. We believe our friends across the border also had a very fair and almost exclusive market for their famous Canada mutton some years ago. We believe all good mutton still enjoys being sold as the Canada product. The extra price received must mean something. Probably quality. And why not quality in eggs as well? A little truth on all such matters can do no harm, on the contrary it will result in much good.

The Fanciers' Monthly of California remarks: "Can the spur be taken as an indication of age? Several authorities in Poultry say no. An example is cited of a Brahma cockerel hatched the second week in February. On the first of June he had developed a long pointed spur that might have belonged to a two-year old rooster. In the same brood from the same parents were two cockerels without the slightest sign of a spur and one with a spur just commenced properly belonging to a chick. A March hatched pullet shown the same year had a spur that would have caused almost any judge to pass her as a hen. Yet she was undoubtedly a pullet. The theory is broached that a dry climate and hard ground promotes the growth of the spur."

A spur is no indication of the age of a bird. We have seen and owned Game Bantam cocks that never grew a spur, and have known a Silver Spangled Hamburg pullet in less than a year to grow a spur large enough to fit a ten year old hen. If spurs could be eliminated entirely, it would prove a decided blessing as in the cocks they are so long and sharp as to prove absolutely dangerous to his mates. The spur like the fifth toe is something whose usefulness has not yet been discovered.

The value of hen manure has been frequently dwelt upon by poultry writers, and some have even grown eloquent when touching upon this subject. A most readable and instructive article on the value of hen manure appears in the current issue of our esteemed English contemporary, Poultry. The latter gives The Farmers' Gazette credit for the facts contained in the above. We are informed that in its fresh state hen manure contains nearly two-thirds water, and therefore we are enabled to realize the fact that after all, a large number of hen may

produce only a small quantity of really fertile matter.

The same source further states: "A good deal of attention is being given to this question in the Australian colonies, where egg-laying competitions are held year after year, and where efforts are being fostered by at least one or two governments to increase or extend the poultry industry and the shipment of produce to this country. The expert in charge of the work in the Colony of Victoria finds that a bird weighing from eight to nine pounds produces nearly 52 pounds of manure yearly during the night, while he estimates that the average production annually is 100 pounds. This observer arranged for the collection of the manure of four lots of birds, which were confined in pens of 75 feet by 25 feet. There were eight birds in each of two pens, and seven in each of the others, the soil being covered with short grass. The larger number of birds were Dorkings averaging 8 pounds a head, and the manure collected and partially dried during a course of seven days averaged during the night two ounces, and during the day one and a half ounces, and on this basis he claims that the value of the night manure from large birds is worth 1s. a head per annum."

Twenty-five cents a year from a hen is not to be sneezed at yet in the United States thousands of bushels of valuable hen manure are allowed to go to waste, which if properly cared for and sold would reduce the cost of feeding fully twenty per cent.

The writer in the Farmers Gazette in commenting on the Australian valuation remarks: "Undoubtedly, if this is the case, when we remember that poultry is kept by the million in a country like our own, we are enabled to see that the gross value is considerable, but we must not assume that it is all lost. Matter is indestructible, and, therefore, manure containing fertilizing properties is utilized where it falls upon a cultivated soil as a grass field. Of course it may be in large part wasted where it is left upon soil which is uncultivated, although it may be available in future years where such a soil is employed for the production of a crop."

There are hundreds of worn out acres in once fertile sections of New York State, that with abundant hens pasturing on the thin grass and impoverished soil, would restore the soil to a high state of fertility and produce fine crops of hay. We once tried it on a newly sown field of timothy and clover, i. e., started spreading hen manure and plaster until at the end of the third year the entire field, of three acres was thoroughly covered. It was a grand sight to see the timothy stand at the third annual cropping, the increase in tonnage being considerably more than double while the quality was far superior, the grass being clean, weeds being unable to grow owing to the vigorous and dense growth of the timothy. About one hundred hens were responsible for this. A fine showing and more than bearing out the Australian value of a hen's annual output in manure of twenty-five cents a bushel.

The valuation is summed up and the following figures are quoted in or-

der to show the composition of the manure in its dried state:—

	Fresh Manure	Partially Dried Manure
Moisture.. .. .	61.63	41.06
*Organic matter and ammonia salts .. .	20.19	38.19
Tribasic phosphate of lime	2.97	5.13
Magnesia, alkaline salts, etc.	2.63	3.13
Insoluble siliceous matter (sand)	12.58	12.49
	100.00	100.00
*Containing nitrogen ..	1.71	3.78
Equal to ammonia .. .	2.09	4.59

This manure the Victoria expert values at £2 a ton, or £4 when after being partially dried, it is properly stored in casks or boxes. The value of poultry manure, like any other, is based upon its nitrogen, phosphoric acid, and potash contents. In this case the phosphoric acid is present in the form of phosphate of lime, while the proportion of potash is not so shown, but is included in the alkaline salts. If we take nitrogen as being worth 6d. a pound, we find that in the fresh manure its value is about 10d. per 100 pounds, and in partially dried manure 1s. 10½d.; but in this country the three fertilizing materials named would be worth more than 1s., inasmuch as a single pound of phosphoric acid, together with half a pound of potash, would cost more than 2d. when purchased in a good form of artificial manure."

This leads the Gazette to remark: "It will be noticed that nitrogen is shown by itself as well as its equivalent in ammonia; but ammonia is a valuable substance, which is readily lost under given conditions, especially when lime is employed, for it has an almost immediate effect of liberating the ammonia, and consequently results in loss. Indeed, if poultry manure is to be saved or stored it must in no circumstances come into contact with lime. Yet it may be mixed with sand; with wood ashes in particular, which are rich in potash; with soot, which is rich in nitrogen; or with dry earth, which particularly prevents, under normal conditions, the escape of ammonia, inasmuch as it is an ammonia fixer."

The last paragraph should be cut and pasted in the hat of some of the careless poultry raisers who fail to appreciate the real value of good hen manure. The latter has a firm market always, but the neglected and badly handled stuff called hen manure is a drug on the market. Cayuga or any other good land plaster is the best absorbent to use and the place to use it is on the drop boards under the roosts. A daily sprinkling will not only fix the ammonia but fix the microbes and odors. Things will appear and feel sweet and clean, and that is no small part of the battle against vermin and disease. Hen manure gathered every day or every week, as the case may be, should be placed in barrels and placed in a shed so that rain cannot destroy its value by leaking out.

This is a good time of the year to study out the hen manure problem, and prepare for the fall and winter handling of the same, when hens are regularly housed fed, and expected to pay

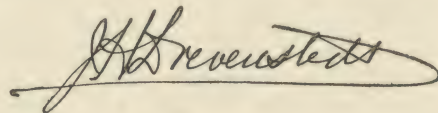
their keep in eggs, and the necessary waste product. It is also a good time to disinfect the old houses and coops. A good whitewash put on with a spray pump is the quickest and nicest way to sweeten up the interior of hen houses. Add a quarter of a pound of chloride of lime to each pailful of whitewash and you will have a first class destroyer of all disease germs. Prior to this whitewashing we remove all fowls, close the windows and doors and burn one or two sulphur candles. This fumigation usually settles the lice question. Before placing the fowls in these newly cleaned and sweetened pens, subject them to a thorough dusting with any standard brand of lice powder made for this purpose. Where "liquid lice killer" is used great care should be taken to get the right kind. Some preparations on the market not only kill the lice, but the fowls as well. We have heard of numerous complaints not only this but last season regarding some of these liquid destroyers.

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This is the season of the year when the hens sing: "Now let us moult." Mr. William Vanderbilt Russ, proprietor of the Excelsior Wire and Poultry Supply Company, 28 Vesey Street, New York, is the sworn friend of her ladyship—the hen. Consequently he caters to her everyday wants and the one important one just now is moulting food. His new advertisement of "Banner Moulting Food" appears in this issue. It is a standard article of commerce that has stood the test of time in past and will aid moulting fowls to shed their old and grow their new feathers in the most approved of and beneficial way.

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Poultry institutes will be held in connection with the two great fall fairs of Long Island, N. Y., viz, Mineola and Riverhead, next month. Mr. Robert Seaman, Jericho, N. Y., has the matter in charge which means a successful and instructive function.



Our Illustration.

Mr. R. De Courcy Peele's Aseels are the subject of our frontispiece, the illustration of which we are indebted to an old issue of the English Stock-Keeper. The owner of the fowls describes the breed as follows: "Many of your readers on seeing the illustration will say: 'What are they? They look like Indian Game?' That is really what they are; the only true Indian game fowl, the fighting bird of India, one of the oldest distinct breeds of poultry in the world, and the breed bearing the greatest resemblance to the original wild Jungle fowl.

"The word Aseel is simply Hindustani for brave, a word which well describes their chief attribute, for they have been bred in India for generations, simply and solely for fighting purposes. The birds now exhibited in the classes for Indian game are nothing but the descendants of Aseels, crossed with Malays, and probably old English game.

"The first Aseels imported into this country were sent from India some fifty years ago, to fight a main in Cumberland; afterwards they were taken into Cornwall, where they were bred

with the Malay and probably old English game, and their produce became known as the Cornish game. Now they have assumed the title of one of their ancestors, much to the detriment of the original and true Indian game.

"The general conformation of the Aseel is well portrayed by Mr. Ludlow; they should be the embodiment of strength, agility, pluck and stamina, contained in a frame of about six pounds weight. As they have been bred for fighting alone it follows that their colors are various and a little uncertain; the most usual being black, red, gray, white and spangles of all colors. Little importance is, however, attached to color, form and carriage being the chief characteristics.

"They should be wide in the skull, with fierce overhanging brow, and powerful hooked beak; bony muscular necks, broad shoulders and breasts, with great development of the pectoral muscles; legs short and set very wide apart; upright and reliant in carriage, plumage sparse and hard as possible. As a race they are hardy in the extreme when matured (and if kept dry easy to rear) with wonderful stamina and recuperative power.

"They are not a prolific breed, but in this respect are about equal to the Malay; if however, they do not lay large clutches, every egg proves fertile; they are long lived, and reliable breeders for many years. In India the fewer eggs a hen lays the more she is valued, as it is generally found that the best strain is also the least prolific.

"As a cross for table purposes they are invaluable, inasmuch as their characteristics being so marked and thoroughly fixed, their prepotency is very great; it is found that the first cross retain the large development of breast meat, and when crossed with any of the large breeds frequently weigh half as much again at five months as the parent, and are then a toothsome dish for an epicure.

"The hen in the illustration has won first prize in the Aseel hen class at Birmingham four years in succession, viz., 1886, 1887, 1888 and 1889. She weighs five pounds and two ounces when in hard condition, and is considered to be a model of the breed. The cock, her son, weighs six pounds, and won first in the class for Aseel cocks at Birmingham last year. Both birds are white."

Teacher—Now, "Willie," if it costs me twelve cents to buy one cat, what will twelve cats cost?"

"Willie"—You need not buy twelve cats; buy one, and in a little while you will have a dozen.

Seems Good to Him.

To The American Fancier:
It seems good to get the Fancier in the good old way, and there is but one "American Fancier," and that is when "Drev" is the Editor. We hope that all the cranks in hedom will do their little bit to push a good thing along.
Yours truly,

PERMARTHEL POULTRY YARDS,
H. G. Ruth, Mgr.
Olean, N. Y.

The Right Sort of Inquiries.

To The American Fancier:
We are getting a great many inquiries from our advertisement in The American Fancier and they are of the right sort and have several fine sales under way. We care more for this class of inquiries than those we receive by the dozen and which never amount to anything.
PRAGER & SHILLING.
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The Progress of the Partridge Wyandotte.

(By John Wharton).

It was in November, 1896, that the first partridge Wyandottes crossed the Atlantic. They arrived at Honeycote in nice condition, and my few fancier friends who saw them seemed to think them a nice addition to the poultry circle. I remember the late Mr. Henry Digby was one who saw them, and he advised me to exhibit a pair at the January, 1897, show at Liverpool. I followed his advice, and the late Mr. Joseph Partington, who judged, passed them without even so much as a card. Mr. F. J. S. Chatterton made a sketch of them, which appeared in, I believe, the Fanciers' Gazette, and that brought me several inquiries, and I sold a few sittings of eggs. I should say the consignment consisted of one cock, two hens, two cockerels, and five pullets. As I look back upon those birds, I often think if I had them now I should have difficulty in getting five shillings each for them.

The hens commenced to lay within a few days of arrival, and on the 5th and 11th of January I hatched two broods of chicks, among which turned out the famous hen "Pippin." I always believe this hen did more to advertise her variety than any other partridge hen that ever lived. Her show career was indeed a wonderful one, starting at Middlesbro', where Mr. Stainthorpe gave her 2d against all colors; then at Halifax, Mr. R. F. Spencer gave her 1st against whites and buffs, repeating her Halifax performance at Lancaster at the August show, under Mr. Proud, having all colors to face. At the Dairy she was awarded 1st and special, and for no less than four and a half years she was being continually exhibited, for the simple reason that neither I nor any other fancier had yet produced a better bird.

I remember one incident which I never forget; it was at the Palace Show, 1897, when the well-known fancier, Mr. Allan Spencer, was Hon. Secretary of the United Wyandotte Club. Mr. Spencer met me at the show, and urged me not to go further in bringing out the breed. "Kill the lot off," he said, "they will never go." I said, well, I believed they would, as they had a lot of good points; and time has proved that they have gone and won public favor the world over.

I must confess that for the past three years I was not satisfied with them, as I never could breed another pullet to in any way approach "Pippin" in quality of penciling. True, I bred a number of really good cockerels, but the pullets were only moderate. About this time I imported from America four old hens and a cock that were in advance both in tone of color and in penciling to those I had received before. I decided to use those for cockerels only. I selected accordingly, and at once, to use a well-known term, "struck oil," and have never looked back since.

How the partridges have spread! And, best of all, those who once get them stick to them. Mr. F. W. Myhill and Mr. Shore Bailly had eggs from me the first year, and they are breeding them yet with increased vigor. The fact is partridge Wyandottes have so many good points, and so few bad ones that they cannot be surpassed by any other variety—easily kept within bounds, exceedingly tame, the best of layers, especially in winter when

eggs "taste of money," hardy to rear, good table birds, and to the fancier a charming variety to breed. One of the things that many stumble over is the meaning of cockerel and pullet breeding pens. I had a lady write to me recently to ask if it was a fact that I could supply eggs all pullets or all cockerels, as she wished to have the former.

I am afraid many ruin their chance of success in breeding, say, exhibition pullets by buying cockerels about whose breeding they know nothing. I have lately been amused by reading the answers to queries in a well-known fanciers' paper, and the verdict given on "sample feathers." Let me say at once, there is not a man living who can tell from "sample feathers" whether a cockerel is a pullet breeder or a waster exhibition cockerel. Neither can he tell whether a pullet is a cockerel breeder or a waster exhibition pullet. When in Holland during last summer I saw at a glance that the fanciers there had not grasped how to breed them, as they were simply mating the two exhibition birds together and expecting to breed both the cockerels and pullets for exhibition out of this mating.

Now let me urge all those fanciers who have this knowledge to impart it to beginners so that they are not disgusted with their first attempt with the variety. Nothing so encourages or helps a breed as to find a beginner producing a winner.

There is yet plenty of room for improvement both in cockerels and pullets; let us, above all, stick to the true block Wyandotte type and keep the size and stamina up, and then we shall have no fear for the future. During the last three years the Colonies, especially Australia, have taken hold of the breed in earnest. Let those who export send out nothing but good birds; sooner miss the order if they won't pay the price, than send rubbish.

In conclusion I should like to say the partridge fancy owes a great indebtedness to the worthy Hon. Secretary of the Partridge Wyandotte Club for his never-flagging zeal in pushing the variety to the front. Let us give him all the help we can, and thus make our club the best of all clubs, and our favorites the most popular of all the Wyandotte family.

Excellent and Elegant Copy of Verses Upon Two Cocks Fighting.

(By Dr. R. Wild.)*

No sooner were the doubtful people set,
The match made up, and all that would had bet;
But strait the skilful judges of the play
Brought forth their sharp-heel'd warriors, and they
Were both in linen bags, as if 'twere meet
Before they died to have their winding-sheet.
Into the pit they're brought, and, being there
Upon the stage, the Norfolk Chanticleer
Looks stoutly at his ne'er before seen foe,
And like a challenger began to crow,
And clap his wings, as if he would display
His warlike colours, which were black and grey.
Meantime the wary Wisbich walks and breathes

His active body, and in fury wreathes
His comely chest, and, often looking down,
He whets his angry beak upon the ground.

This done they meet, not like that coward breed

Of Aesop; these can better fight than feed;

They scorn the dunghill; 'tis their only prize

To dig for pearls within each other's eyes.

They fought so nimbly, that was hard to know,

To th' skilful, whether they did fight, or no;

If that the blood which dy'd the fatal floor

Had not bore witness oft. Yet fought they more;

As if each wound were but a spur to prick

Their fury forward. Lightning's not more quick,

Or red, than were their eyes; 'twas hard to know

Whether 'twas blood or anger made them so.

I'm sure they had been out, had they not stood,

More safe, by being fenced in with blood.

Thus they vy'd blows; but yet (alas!) at length,

Altho' their courage was full try'd, their strength

And blood began to ebb. You that have seen

A wat'ry combat on the sea, between Two angry, roaring, boiling billows, how

They march, and meet, and dash their curled brow;

Swelling like graves, as tho' they did intend

T' intomb each other e'er the quarrel end;

But when the wind is down, and blust'ring weather

They are made friends, and sweetly run together;

May think these champions such; their blood grows low,

And they, which leap'd before, now scarce can go;

Their wings, which lately at each blow they clapp'd,

(As if they did applaud themselves) now flapp'd.

And having lost advantage of the heel,

Drunk with each other's blood, they only reel;

From either eyes such drops of blood did fall,

As if they wept them for their funeral. And yet they fain would fight; they came so near,

Methought the meant into each other's ear

To whisper wounds; and when they could not rise

They lay and look'd blows int' each other's eyes.

And now the tragic part! After this fit,

When Norfolk cock had got the best of it,

And Wisbich lay a dying, so that none, Tho' sober, but might venture seven to one;

Contracting, like a dying taper, all His strength, intending with the blow to fall,

He struggles up, and having taken wind,

Ventures a blow, and strikes the other blind.

And now poor Norfolk, having lost his eyes,

Fights only guided antipathies; With him (alas!) the proverb holds not true,

The blows his eyes ne'er saw his heart that must rue.

At length, by chance, he stumbled on his foe,

Not having any pow'r to strike a blow, He falls upon him with his wounded head,

And makes his conqu'ror's wings his feather-bed.

*Dr. Robert Wild, the author of the above poem, claims by our extract to be better known and remembered. He was a nonconformant divine and poet, and was born in 1609. In 1648 he was appointed rector of Aynho, in Northamptonshire, and was looked upon as a wit of his time. It is told of him that he and another preached prophetic sermons for the living, and that on his being asked whether he had obtained it, he replied, "We have divided it; I have got the Ay and he the No." Wood speaks of him as a "Fat, jolly, and boon Presbyterian." Some of his poems were printed with the poems of Rochester (no very creditable distinction), and (apparently as an atonement) a few of his sermons survived him. He appears by his poem to have been a resolute cocker and a tolerable poet.—Poultry, England.

History of Lakewood Farm.

By A. F. Hunter, West Roxbury, Mass.

We would all enjoy this Lakewood Farm story more if Mr. Brown was able to tell it himself. Their method of feeding has been changed since the article I am going to read you was written. At the present time they are carrying the chickens through till they go to market by the hopper method of feeding, and Mr. Brown tells me that it cuts down the work more than one-third. They have over 3,000 head of laying stock and they are going to raise 10,000 chickens this year, and you can understand that where they cut down labor one-third it makes a very great saving in the cost.

A poultry farm that cleaned up \$7,000 for its owners last year may fairly be considered a successful one, and after a decidedly enjoyable day spent at such a farm, looking into every nook and corner of it, and studying the methods of operating it, I left Lakewood Farm with the feeling that here was the most successful poultry farm that it has ever been my good fortune to visit. The key-note to its most gratifying success is the business-like methods by which it is operated. Large poultry farms are not at all uncommon, and we have visited scores of them; but where Lakewood Farm stands out, head and shoulders above all others, is in the clean straightforward, business-like way in which the work in all departments goes on.

Why shouldn't it? Poultry raising is a "business," just as much as is selling dry goods, or groceries, or railroading or banking; and it has long been our firm conviction that the same business methods put into poultry-growing that are put into any other successful business of to-day, would result in quite as good success with poultry. Not so great, of course, because the field of individual effort is so much more restricted,—but quite in proportion to capital and labor invested.

Mr. A. G. Brown, the president and general manager of the Lakewood Farm Company, is a business man, and has had quite ample experience in bu-

ness lines. He puts business methods into the every-day managing of the poultry farm work, just as he did into mercantile business. In that fact lies the key-note to the smooth running of the Lakewood Farm operations, and the decidedly satisfactory showing of the balance sheet at the end of the year. He deliberately put aside a promising commercial business because he was so strongly drawn to out-of-doors life, and after two or three years of life in the Adirondac country he came south, to Lakewood, to find a milder climate and dryer soil on which to establish his poultry farm.

Lakewood Farm is situated in Burrsville, New Jersey, three miles from the popular winter resort of Lakewood, and as the latter is the railway station shipping point, the farm was given that name. Mr. Brown is quite enthusiastic in his praise of the climate and dry soil of that section of New Jersey, and as land there is quite cheap (when one gets a bit outside of the resorts), he thinks it is the best possible location for poultry work and health.

The farm was bought about five years ago, consists of about sixty acres of practically level, sandy soil, and is mostly covered with the small oak and pine woods of that section. A quarter of the land is cleared, is "farm land," but almost all of that part of the State is pine and oak woods. The farm house and poultry buildings are near the fine State road, but there are dozens of "colony" houses scattered through the open woods, where is a perfect range for young stock. The whole farm is enclosed with Union Lock wire fence, to keep the birds at home, and keep "varmints" out; Mr. Brown told us they had about five miles of wire fencing there on the place.

There are seven long poultry houses, each 128x16 feet in size, with eight pens to the house; there are about 60 birds in each 16x16 pen, and yards 100 feet long give exercise for the stock. White Leghorns are the chief stock, but there are a few pens of Barred Rocks and White Wyandottes. It is significant of the moderate cost of lumber and labor there in Lakewood that these 128 feet long poultry houses were built at an average cost of but \$600 each, and that includes the houses and yards all complete.

These long houses are not exactly alike, but a general description of the laying houses is that each 16x16 feet pen is entered from a door in the back side, the front being made of three windows, two of which slide, one in front, and the other in back of the one in the centre, making the pen two-thirds open-front. These pens have an enclosed roosting apartment at the back after the plan of those in the Main Experiment Station houses. This roosting apartment is two and a half feet from the floor, and has a solid matched-boards floor three feet wide by thirteen feet long, and a solid matched-boards partition at the end, next the door opening into the rear of the pens; the solid partition between the pens makes the other end of this enclosed roost-place. A curtain attached to a swinging frame is hinged to the roof, and swings out and up to the roof rafters, and can be secured there, out of the way when not in use. It is only necessary to close these curtains in front of the roosting pens on the very coldest nights in winter; for ordinary cold weather the closing of the

sliding sash-front of the pens is ample protection.

The breeding-houses are built with scratching pens in front of the laying-roosting rooms, and roost space is at the back. The yards to all these houses have scratching pens at the further end, and in pleasant weather of spring, summer and fall the grain is thrown into these little scratching pens. A commodious grain cook-house furnishes store room for the various foods, and is a work-room as well; besides having a cozy office in one corner and a sleeping room for one of the men in another corner. The whole of the well-lighted basement of this building is an incubator room.

It is the intention to winter about 3,000 head of layers, but the demand for chickens last spring and pullets last fall was so great they have now about 50 per cent. of their number, the egg-yield of that day being 634. The eggs are nicely packed in paste-board boxes specially made for them, holding one dozen each, and are sold to a dealer in New York city, at the regular price (in winter) of 47 cents a dozen; in summer they are sold for 32 cents a dozen.

Many will wonder how this high price can be obtained for eggs sold to a dealer who sells them again, but there is no magic about it. In the first place the eggs are warranted to be fresh laid, and every one perfect. They are carefully tested (lighted), before being packed, and no egg goes into the boxes that is not absolutely right. They are wiped clean, if there is any particle of dirt attached to them, and when the customer gets them they are the choicest product of the poultry yard. The boxes Mr. Brown has made after the style of the well-known "inner seal" boxes in which Uneeda biscuits are packed, and the top of each box has printed on it:

Lakewood Farm Eggs.

Laid and Packed at Lakewood Farm, Burrsville, near Lakewood, N. J.

And each box is sealed with a paper-sticker seal; the buyer is warned that the eggs are not guaranteed to be Lakewood Farm eggs if seal is broken. The boxes are 11 inches long by 3¾ inches wide and 2½ inches deep. Mr. Brown said the only fault to be found with them was that they were not quite deep enough, as Lakewood Farm layers lay such large eggs that now and then an egg gets cracked on the end by the pressure of the box cover upon it.

It is the intention to hatch out about 7,000 chickens for their own use this season, and the bulk of the cockerels are sold as "squab broilers," to the Lakewood hotels, at \$1 to \$1.50 per pair. They are sold when weighing 1½ pounds to the pair. After being nicely dressed each pair is tied together by the legs with a wired tag of celluloid, on which is printed "Lakewood Farm, Lakewood, New Jersey."

For hatching the chickens there are nineteen 360-egg incubators, and for rearing them there is a hot-waterpipe brooded house 110 feet long and 35 individuals brooders, the latter set out in the colony houses on range so that the youngsters are at home there when the brooders are removed and they are left in possession of the houses. Grass does not grow easily on that sandy soil, so crops have to be sown for green food. Every convenient (and vacant) piece of ground is sown to winter rye in the fall, and this gives green food very soon after the frost is out of the

ground. This is followed by oats, and then Dwarf Essex rape is sown for the main crop.

A most important factor in a good growth in youngsters and egg production from the mature stock is strength and vigor, and the end aimed at, in both breeding and feeding is the most important factor. The chickens are grown on a prepared chick-food until they are past the need of the brooder, then gradually promoted to the regular ration of the layers. This consists of mash fed once a day, and either wheat, oats or cracked corn for a grain food. Boiled beets are the base of the mash every day, and there are three different mixtures fed, on three succeeding days.

No. 1 mash consists of 32 pounds of whole oats, steamed, 15 pounds cornmeal, 25 pounds buckwheat middlings, 10 pounds wheat bran, 5 pounds gluten, 8 pounds alfalfa meal, 5 pounds beef scraps, 5 pounds cracked bone, 2 pounds charcoal, 2 handfuls salt. The day this is fed the grain food is wheat, the ration analyzing 3:54.

No. 2 mash consists of 17 pounds whole wheat, steamed, 40 pounds wheat middlings, 8 pounds hominy, 8 pounds linseed meal, 9 pounds wheat bran. The alfalfa meal, scraps, bone, charcoal and salt, as above. With this is fed oats for grain, the ration analyzing 3:78.

No. 3 mash consists of 27 pounds of whole rye, steamed, 20 pounds wheat middlings, 20 pounds malt sprouts, 5 ration analyzing 3:32.

The above formulas are given in hundred pounds; the quantity of the mash being about 4½ pounds per day to each fifteen birds, in two different feedings. In summer the amount of corn meal fed is considerably reduced. As the ration is a bit low we are not surprised that the egg yield was not quite as high as we would expect from good White Leghorns. The average was 148 eggs apiece for all kept during the year.

On the occasion of our first visit to Lakewood Farm, two years ago, they were feeding a prepared chick-food to the youngsters. Mr. Brown gave us a formula for a chick-food of the following proportions: 6 pounds cracked wheat, 2 pounds cracked corn, 1 pound "pin-head" oatmeal, 1 pound millet seed, ½ pound broken rice, 2 pounds fine (sifted) beef scraps. To this should be added about five per cent. of fine (chick size) grit, and for green food, chopped onions or chopped lettuce leaves should be fed.

And the resulting profits? That is the question that comes directly to the front, and the answer to it, in this case, is eminently satisfactory. After figuring ten per cent. of cost of farm and plant, and charging that amount off as depreciation, then figuring in five per cent. for interest and all expenses for foods, labor employed, etc., there was left a little over \$7,000 as the net profit on the year's business. Certainly a fair return for the year's work. And this profit will be increased because additional business is being taken on. The sales of newly hatched chicks will largely increase; the eggs for hatching trade is being engaged in this year, and the advertising Mr. Brown is doing, using the eminently attractive headlines, "Lakewood Farm Layers Are Good Profit Payers," will decidedly increase the cash returns, and the increased sale of breeding stock next fall and winter will bring another considerable addition to the

year's business.

Some of that has already been done as for example, the sale of 400 pullets last fall to stock a poultry farm in an adjoining town, for a thousand dollars. But that was not a profitable sale,—looked at from one point of view. We believe those birds would have paid Mr. Brown that money by the eggs they would have laid this winter for market, and this spring to sell for hatching purposes; and then there would have been the year-olds to sell for next year's breeders. We think there was more money in those 400 birds kept right there at home, and Mr. Brown will see it so, after he has built up the more profitable side of the business into which he is now going.

Then there is another step forward, which we believe will come later, in going into the show room with some of those superb birds, and winning prizes, and getting prices for the stock that now cannot be aspired to. Lakewood Farm has splendid White Leghorns, but the buying public does not know it yet. To advertise, and then to go to the shows, and then advertise more, and then more,—that is the natural development for a first-class poultry business. The foundation for that business is now well laid, and we confidently look forward to a splendid and profitable future for Lakewood Farm.

Mr. Nix: I have always used five per cent. of grit, but I think two per cent. is better than ten per cent.

The Chairman: Why not leave the grit on the floor of the pen?

Mr. Hunter: If you use white grit the chicks will eat it rapidly and fill themselves with it.

Mr. Foley: Why not use sand?

Prof. Rice: I do not recommend that; it was simply an effort to find out whether grit is necessary or not.

Mr. Hunter: Every up-to-date manufacturer writes off ten per cent. for depreciation and maintenance of machinery, and ten per cent. in some cases would not be a quarter of the depreciation. Curtis Brothers sold \$40,000 worth of stuff from their poultry farm.

Mr. H. R. Graham: What was their profit?

Mr. Hunter: About 33 per cent. They sold a lot of eggs for hatching purposes and a lot of young males. Mr. Brown showed his books and accounts to me. I went through the books, and I took the yearly balance sheet, and went all through it. I spotted \$1,000 for pullets, and I said, "What is this?" and he said, "A friend of mine was starting a poultry farm, and he wanted some good pullets, and I sold him 400, and he thought he had more than he wanted, but as a matter of fact he did not have as many as he wanted." I said to him, "You sold them at a dollar a piece too cheap," and he said, "No; \$2.50 is a good price for a Leghorn pullet." I said, "According to your other birds, they will have paid you between \$2 and \$2.50 profit if you had kept them;" and it is a fact in my honest judgment that if he had kept that additional 400 pullets he would have made \$500 profit out of them.

Q. What is Mr. Brown's average egg production?

A. 148 eggs per hen.

Q. What was the average selling price?

(To be Continued.)

Pigeon Fancy, Flying and Pet Stock

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Drafts and ventilation in the pigeon loft are two different things, one is necessary to health, while the other is detrimental.

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If you are thinking of going into the pigeon fancy, commence now, and you will then have everything in good running order for an early Spring start.

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Sunshine in winter, where there is no draft with it, is excellent for pigeons, and all their houses should be so arranged that sunshine on the floor during the day may be afforded, and if it shines on the entire building so much the better.

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But at this time of the year, the sun rays should be lessened, otherwise your colored birds will be greatly damaged, especially during the moult.

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The three essential things to make the keeping of pigeons profitable are good stock, good quarters and first class care from the time they are hatched until you are ready to exhibit them.

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Some people get the idea into their heads that pure-bred stock is more subject to disease, but that is a very wrong impression. True, any breed can be in-bred until it is weakened in constitution, but by infusing fresh blood every year or so, pure breeds will as thrifty and vigorous as cross-breeds, and certainly made more pleasing to the eye, and more profitable to rear, as many birds can be sold at much better prices than are paid for ordinary stock. The cost of feeding, after all, is the same.

Feeding Birds.

All birds, whether seed-eating or insectivorous, should always be given finely crushed cuttle fish bone from time to time, even though they may not touch it at first. For most birds a little green food or fruit serves as a refreshment, and a little piece of suet stuck between the wires helps to keep them healthy. From time to time all seed-eating birds should be offered some animal food (ants' eggs, mealworms or egg bread), as it is necessary for their proper nourishment. Insectivorous birds should be fed berries and fruit, but never over ripe small seeds, particularly some rape and crushed hemp.

Egg bread, mentioned above, is made as follows: Take wheat flour and knead it into dough with a little milk, then beat up a few eggs and mix with the dough, after which make into rolls and bake thoroughly. This egg bread should keep for months and is soaked and well drained, or dry finely grated and given by itself.

Grain is the staple food for pigeons, and it should be sound, good, and of ripe age. If too new, it is relaxing and apt to scour the birds. If too old, it is frequently unsound, or eaten into by weevils, and is consequently unfit for food. The chief pigeon breeders are most careful as to what they give to their birds, and will buy a stock of grain largely in advance of their needs when they find what they require. If kept in large quantities the grain should be spread about a foot deep on a wooden floor and turned over once a week. But the ordinary pigeon-keeper will not usually buy more than a sack or two of grain, and in this case it is better to store the food in small barrels or galvanized iron tanks. Peas are the best of all food for pigeons, and the maple or gray kinds are preferred. Why this should be so we are unable to say, for while English or Canadian are equally good, they are harder. Maple peas are usually a little dearer than the others, probably because of this special demand. Small tickbeans are of a similar nature to the peas, but are much dearer and the best kinds cannot always be obtained. They must be small, or the pigeons cannot swallow them, and the smaller they are the higher the price they realize. Tares form a favorite food with many pigeon-keepers, and are capital feeding if the right kind be secured. The best tares are the English or Scotch samples, as the foreign tares are much smaller, and they are not usually so sound. If clean and perfect they, however, answer just as well. Wheat and barley are both, when good, most suitable for feeding pigeons, and the small Hungarian or Danubian maize is good if not too freely used, but, being of a very fattening nature, is somewhat dangerous if too much is given. It should certainly never be given alone. Dari, which is a small white grain imported from Egypt, is one of the best foods for pigeons during the breeding season, and can generally be purchased at a reasonable rate. In addition to these, millet, canary, and hemp seeds are very eagerly eaten by pigeons, but they are somewhat dear, and cannot be regarded as regular part of the diet. Hempseed should not, however, be given to birds in confinement, as it is very stimulating. Many pigeonkeepers prefer to place before their birds a mixture of various grains named, and this we regard as the better plan, for each bird can then select just what kind of food it desires or that its instinct teaches it to take. Variety tempts the appetite, and the lower animals can usually be permitted to select their own food.

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SETTLING YOUNG FLIERS.

(Homing World.)

After all your young ones are nicely feeding themselves, the trouble commences of settling them. It is an awkward time, especially to those fanciers whose lofts are situate in the heart of a town, surrounded by stray catchers, ever on the lookout for strays. The fancier whose place is in the country, away from other Pigeon keepers, is a lucky individual, and can hardly realize the worry and bother a town fancier has settling the young. I wish I could persuade more fanciers of the vast importance a suitable outlet board is to some lofts.

Take the average loft, standing by itself in the middle of a garden, a few yards away from the house. Here you find the trap inside the loft, near the roof. The outside, or entrance board, is unusually near the roof, and oftentimes no more than six to eight inches wide, and from two to two and a half feet long. What on earth is the good of such a board? It is a miserable failure, and you nearly always find the majority of the birds pitch on the roof of the loft first, instead of this narrow strip of board. Such a drop board, instead of helping to settle your youngsters, has a reverse effect. They come on to it, start crowding and pecking each other, and off one goes. It may try to reach the roof of the loft (perhaps a foot away), finds this difficult, misses, and scuttles round the loft. It settles on the top, and is booked for the greater part of the day. Watch its frantic efforts to drop on to the small entrance board below, and it is really a pitiable struggle.

Instead of such a small board, as above, why not make a platform, say, five or six feet long, and at least two feet wide. Mark how the youngsters play on this platform as soon as they are out for the first time. If they mount to the loft roof, they have greater confidence in coming down again. They can flop on to the board, and are soon working up and down. Such a platform assists settling in a wonderful way. Then when you have a batch flying strong you will find them taking to this platform at the first drop, instead of the top of the loft, and running through the bobs easily and quickly. The platform assists trapping rather than hinders it. With a narrow drop board, the birds pitch for the loft top, and then have to manoeuvre to come down on the board. Some of the most successful lofts I have visited are fitted with platforms, some on quite a huge scale, and the owners are always certain of the birds pitching clean for it coming from a race, or exercising round home.

My sympathies are very much with the town fanciers who are just now settling the first round of flyers. It is a miserable time, and scrapes one's nerves, especially if there are several bought youngsters among the kit that have cost you a "fiver." Unless he is made of cast iron, and has a long pocket, the town fancier cannot be calm and start settling without considerable trepidation, if he has put a bit of money into his youngsters. You don't when a lot of good husbands and family men surround you until the kit of youngsters are out for the first or second time. One considerate husband has some wood or coal to chop, another must make a rabbit hutch for the boys, yet another has to

mount a ladder to drive a nail into the wall. All the lads and lassies seem to take a special delight in banging doors, and the women, bless them, suddenly find they have some clothes to dry, and pitch them as high as possible to float in the breeze. One by one the neighbor's cats fly along the walls with an abominable leer in their eye, just as if they knew all about it, and were taking a rise out of you.

The simplest way to settle youngsters to a country lot is, undoubtedly, to have an open hole, and let the young ones run in and out as they please. If there is a trap outside, perhaps it would make the settling safer if you shut the young ones in it when very young, just to get their eyes in. Then let them find their way out themselves, and the losses will be nil, or very few indeed.

Every town fancier will have realized by now, and to his sorrow, that the smartest, strongest, and most likely youngsters are the beggars that are easiest to lose. The most high-strung a youngster is the less chance he has of getting safely back when once on the wing. Some youngsters come of a strain noted for nerves. The quietest time of the day is the best for settling, but, unfortunately, this is when most fanciers are at work, and cannot attend to settling. After the day's work is over, or, at the weekend, appears to be the best time. I like to fix up a big frame of wire netting on top of the loft, and as soon as the young ones can pick place them in it, first thing in the morning, before setting out for work.

Place some food and water there, but if it looks a doubtful day, or there is rain, I should not put the birds out. Only place sufficient food for a moderate feed, and don't let them have any thing more until you get home. Let the old birds be working up and down from the house roof to the loft, and then slip the youngsters out of the cage. A little seed should keep them quiet, and, unless very strong on the wing, they will not mount to the house roof. The main point is to have the old birds well under control. This will be the best managed by letting the old ones have a free run of the loft in and out all day, and don't give them too much to eat. If you know any old cock has a tendency to strike off from the roof shut him up when the youngsters are out, also any driving pairs, as they are a nuisance. Use the most tame and sensible old birds for setting, as it is not necessary to have all the old birds out. A day or two before you put the youngsters in the frame open the loft door, being very young, you can put them out into the back yard to strut about. The frame on top of the loft is the best settling place, but only give them two or three days of it before letting them out, because a youngster develops quickly, and soon gets power in its wing. The cage is only an education pen, not a fattening place for the youngsters. It is just to let them get their gearings.

When a youngster does not strike off from the roof don't lose your head, but keep the old birds working up and down. It is a mistake to send the old birds flying around after the youngster. It is not strong enough to keep up with the old birds, and cannot take the sharp turns of the old ones, or fly so quickly. Again, everything is strange, and the youngster will lose its fling independent of the stock.

have a far better chance of dropping it on to your house roof by working the old birds quietly up and down, as the youngster comes round in its circle.

THE IMPORTANCE OF GREEN FOOD FOR FOWLS.

By Prof. Rice, Cornell University,
Ithaca, N. Y.

(Continued from August Issue.)

Prof. Rice: We started our incubator for the fourth hatch last year, and although we had a good hatch we did not raise more than fifty out of the twelve hundred eggs set. I think the foul air has a good deal to do with it, because we get worse air in the incubator at that season of the year. It may be a lack of oxygen. We have muslin curtains on our windows in the incubator cellar and the windows are open all the time. The little chickens need the fresh air. The hens' temperature is 106, and I think the incubator needs more ventilation. One of the machines that is most popular on the market to-day for hatching chickens is a total failure with ducks because it has not got enough air in it, and one that has been most popular in hatching ducks is one that air just floats up out of it. Have you ever sat down by a coal stove to read? You are doubled up in a rocking chair where you are doing the least possible amount of exercise, and have the least possible circulation of blood, and you are sure to have the inclination to shake down the stove, because you feel cold; and then if you get up and go out for a walk and come in again you will ask the women hoy they can possibly live in such an oven and you insist on them throwing open the window and you take off your coat, because you have been warmed up by walking in the fresh air outside. I think the reason you Canadians have so much push and vigor is that you have so much oxygen and ozone in the air. Cold air has got more oxygen per cubic foot than warm air. That is a statement from a scientific magazine, and we want that fresh air for our chickens in the hen house, in the brooders, and the incubators. Ten or twelve years ago we were nearly driven out of the business at home. The roup got in, and we tried the fresh air treatment, and it had a marvellous effect; and now every one of the hens are living in houses where they have plenty of fresh air. They are using cloth to keep out the snow, and roup is practically unknown, and I believe is the best plan to give hens pure, fresh air with wholesome food. (Applause.)

The Chairman: We had a most practical discussion and instruction from the two gentlemen who have spoken to us this afternoon, and I think we will all be benefitted by it. I will not take time to enlarge on the subject. I see a difficulty with capons and soft roasters on the Toronto market. When my chickens weigh two and a half pounds in the spring I get 40 cents a pound for them, and I do not think it would pay to make capons out of them. Caponizing has a beneficial effect in the quality of the flesh, but the question is whether it pays us for the trouble and the time we have to spend on the operation.

The cat has nine lives, and spends them all in vocal culture.

The Swallow Pigeon.

This beautiful bird is frequently associated with the nun in our smaller English shows, the two breeds being exhibited together. They have several points in common, but the differences between them are striking, the chief one being that they are feather or muffed-legged, while the nun is perfectly plain in the shanks. Each has a hood, and a head very much alike in shape, but whereas the swallow is colored in body, with white neck, breast, underparts and backs, the nun has white body with black tail and flights. It has never become very popular in this country, but is much more extensively kept in Germany, whence it has been derived. Lytell in his "Fancy Pigeons," says that the swallow, known in Germany in several varieties as the Schwalbentaube, and in France as the Hirondelle, has its name from the resemblance in marking to the tern, or sea swallow.

The variety usually found in this country came originally from Germany where it is known as the Nurnberg type. It has a long slender beak, the upper mandible of which is colored in accordance with the marking. The forehead rises abruptly, the head is flat, and colored above an imaginary line running from the corners of the mouth through the eyes. The hool, which should be extensive and of a cupped shell form, should be all white, and not lined with colored feathers, or the bird will lose in value. The eyes has a dark hazel iris, and when the markings are of a rich color, as they often are, the eye cere and corners of the mouth are bright red. The neck is slender and short, and breast broad, the body broad and flat, the legs short. The wings and flights are colored, but the scapular and back feathers must all be white, forming a heart-shaped figure on the back, the marking here being the reverse of the magpie pigeon. The legs and feet should be heavily hocked and booted, the heavier the better, as this adds to the appearance, and is in keeping with the shape of the variety. The hock feathers are white, but all feathers below the hocks on the legs and feet, must be colored. The general appearance of the swallow is that of a thick-set, broad, low-standing pigeon.

The Nurnberg swallow, according to Neumeister, the German writer on pigeons, has been known in its prity from ancient times. In marking it is as already described, but the quality of its colors is exceedingly rich, owing to a certain fat or oil in its system which it has in common with certain eastern pigeons. Its plumage fits loosely, but at the same time is thick, soft and fatty to the touch. The colors are fiery and rich, the black deeper and more velvety than all other German species of pigeon; the white, on the other hand, looks as if oiled, for which reason this pigeon is called in Nurnberg "The Greasy Fairy." All the feathers under the wings, about the thighs, and round the vent, instead of shedding their fibres in the usual way, remain merely cases filled with yellow fat or wax, or at most only shed a small portion of their extremities. The same peculiarity has been found in other pigeons, where it was at first thought to be a disease, but it has since been found to be merely resultant from the large supply of fat which some breeds possess, giving to them the marvellous metallic lustre they have, and which is their leading

characteristic. The black Nurnberg swallow has most of these quills, and from its beautiful green lustre is called "The Velvet Fairy." Next to it comes the red, while the yellow and the blue have not so much of this peculiar feathering.

Swallows are found in great variety on the Continent, more especially in Germany. In addition to those marked as already described, of which the colors are blacks, reds, yellows and blues, there are the following variations: Black, red and yellow, with white wing bars; blue, with white wing bars, edged with black; silver, corresponding to the blue.

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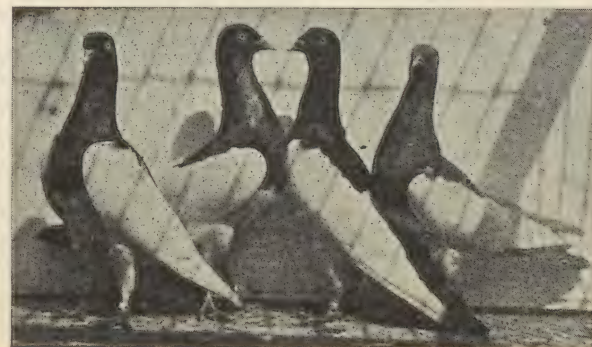
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DATES CLAIMED.

Under this heading there will appear each week a list of all the shows claiming dates for the coming season. Secretaries of poultry, pigeon and pet stock exhibitions will confer a favor by sending in the dates selected as promptly as possible. It is not only a convenience and guide to secretaries of shows that have not selected their dates, but of great interest to readers of *The American Fancier*, a majority of whom are exhibitors.

Aug. 21-24, Wellsville, N. Y. A. S. Stillman, Alfred Outer, Supt. Poultry.

Aug. 21-24—Cortlandt, N. Y. Cortlandt County Agricultural Society, W. J. Greenman, Secretary.

August 21-24, Rockville, Md., G. O. Brown, A. E. Warner, Judges; Calvin Hicks, Superintendent.

August 21-24, Wellsville, N. Y. L. E. Hopkins, Secretary; A. S. Stillman, Supt. Poultry.

Sept. 3-6, Taunton, Mass., E. P. Washburne, Pigeon Judge and President.

Sept. 3-7, Columbus, Ohio, T. E. Orr, Judge; W. W. Miller, Secretary.

Sept. 3-8, Orangeburg, N. Y., J. F. Gilchrist, Secretary.

Sept. 11-13, Mercer, Pa. Mercer County Fair and Poultry Show. T. E. Orr, Judge; John P. Orr, Secretary.

Sept. 12, Altomont, Ill., Dr. A. W. Baker, Superintendent.

Sept. 17-21, Riverhead, N. Y., Harry Lee, Secretary.

Sept. 17-22, North Yakima, Wash. State Fair, G. A. Graham, Secretary; Harry H. Collier, Superintendent Poultry.

Sept. 17-23, White Plains, N. Y. Westchester County Agricultural Society, J. H. Drevensedt, and W. J. Stanton, Judges; Fred Harries, Supt. Poultry.

Sept. 18-21, Allentown, Pa., The Allentown Fair; H. J. Schall, Secretary; W. Theo. Wittman, Supt.

Sept. 24-29, Mineola, N. Y., Robert Seaman, Supt. Poultry.

Sept. 24-29, Spokane, Wash. Inter-State Fair, Robt. H. Cosgrove, Secretary.

Sept. 25-28, Poughkeepsie, N. Y. Dutchess County Agricultural Society, T. C. Van Wyck, Superintendent Poultry.

Sept. 25-29, Spokane, Wash., Robert Cosgrove, Secretary; H. H. Collier, Supt.

Sept. 25-29, Trenton, N. J., Inter-State Fair, T. Farrer Rackham, Newark, N. J., Superintendent Poultry.

Sept. 28-Oct. 5, Springfield, Ill., W. C. Garrad, Secretary.

Sept. 29-Oct. 5, Sedalia, Mo., J. R. Rippey, Secretary.

October 2-5, Chatham, N. Y. Columbia County Agricultural Society, W. A. Dardess, Secretary.

Oct. 2-6, Puyallup, Wash., John Mills, Secretary; Harry H. Collier, Supt.

Oct. 8-13, Nashville, Tenn. Tennessee State Fair Poultry Show, J. Howard Sledd and R. E. Jones, Judges; John A. Murkin, Jr., Supt.

Oct. 9-12, Hagerstown, Md., Geo. O. Brown, J. H. Drevensedt, D. A. Nichols, W. J. Stanton, J. F. Craugle, Chas. McClave, W. C. Denny, W. G. Minich, Judges; W. F. Spahr, Secretary, Poultry Department.

Oct. 17-18, Girard, Ill., Heimlich, Judge; H. K. Young, Secretary.

Nov. 12-15, Garnett, Kans., Rhodes, Judge; Hattie A. Weld, Secretary.

Nov. 12-17—Houston, Tex., Hovey S. Fox, Jr., Secretary.

Nov. 12-17, San Jose, Cal. Santa Clara Valley Poultry and Pet Stock Association, E. Van Every, Secretary, Edenville, Cal.

Nov. 15-17, Wellman, Ia., Shellabarger, Judge; E. J. Coffey, Secretary.

Nov. 16-17, Manhattan, Kans., Chas. E. Smith, Secretary.

Nov. 20-23, Winfield, Ia., Shellabarger, Judge; Russell Canly, Secretary.

Nov. 21-23, West Haven, Conn. D. A. Nichols, D. J. Lambert, W. R. Graves, Judges; E. J. Crawford, Secretary.

Nov. 21-23, New London, Ill., Russell, Judge; F. L. Clanson, Secretary.

Nov. 21-24, Holton, Kans., Rhodes, Judge; T. A. Fairchilds, Secretary.

Nov. 22-24, Englewood, N. J. Lloyd M. Hallenbeck, Judge; Henry Cundell, Supt. Poultry.

Nov. 22-24, Englewood, N. J., N. R. Pendergast, Secretary.

Nov. 26-30, Cedar Rapids, Ia., Shellabarger, Judge; S. G. Smith, Secretary.

Nov. 26, Dec. 1, Daltastown, Pa. York County Fanciers' Association, G. O. Brown, Judge; Jacob Eberly, Sec'y.

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Nov. 27-30, Carthage, Mo., Rhodes, Judge; C. A. Emry, Secretary.

Nov. 27-Dec. 1, York, Pa. C. T. Cornman, William G. Minich, Judges; J. N. Lovett, Secretary.

Nov. 28-30, Fairfield, Ill., Russell, Judge; J. R. McEldrey, Secretary.

Nov. 29-Dec. 1, Vienna, Ill., Heimlich, Judge; Chas. M. Pichens, Secretary.

Nov. 28-Dec. 2, Moline, Ill., Shellabarger, Judge.

Dec. 3-5, Brookfield, Mo., Rhodes, Judge; J. S. Hill, Secretary.

Dec. 3-6, Ravenwood, Mo., Russell, Judge; Robt. Larmer, Secretary.

Dec. 3-7, Mason City, Ia., M. V. Bicker, Secretary.

Dec. 3-7, Ellicottville, N. Y., Geo. W. Webb, Judge; William Green, Secretary.

Dec. 3-8, Rolfe, Ia., Heimlich, Judge; Marion Bruce, Secretary.

Dec. 3-9, San Francisco, Cal. California Poultry Association, J. C. Williams, Secretary, Fruitvale, Cal.

Dec. 4, Youngstown, Ohio, T. E. Orr, Judge; W. H. Crossler, Secretary.

Dec. 4-5, Jackson, Mich., F. W. Travis and S. Butterfield, Judges; C. W. Kroosz, Secretary.

Dec. 4-7, Holyoke, Mass., George Barnett, Jr., Secretary.

Dec. 4-7, Philmont, N. Y. D. A. Nichols, Judge; G. J. Anderson, Secretary.

Dec. 4-7, Humeston, Ia., Shellabarger, Judge; Geo. King, Secretary.

Dec. 4-7, Mt. Sterling, Ill., Meyers, Judge; Eugene Hambaugh, Secretary.

Dec. 4-8, Paterson, N. J., J. Frost, Secretary.

Dec. 4-8—Youngstown, O., H. J. Cossler, Secretary.

Dec. 4-8—Wilkes Barre, Pa., David T. Miller, Secretary.

Dec. 4-8—Providence, R. I., Rhode Island Poultry Association, W. I. Brown, Secretary, 6 Exchange Place.

Dec. 4-8, Anadarko, Oklahoma Territory, Fite, Judge; Platt, Secretary.

Dec. 5-8, Grand Rapids, Wis. Grand Rapids Poultry Association; B. G. Eggert, Secretary; Frank Heck, Judge.

Dec. 5-8, Danbury, Conn. Western Connecticut Poultry Association, Charles H. Brundage, Secretary; Judges, J. H. Drevensedt, T. F. McGrew, Hon. David Nichols and W. H. Card.

Dec. 5-8, Ellensburg, Wash., Harry H. Collier, Judge; Mrs. S. F. Montgomery, Secretary.

Dec. 5-10, Birmingham, Ala., McClave, Sites, Judges; Klwyn Ballard, Secretary.

Dec. 6-8, Villisca, Ia., Russell, Judge; F. M. Childs, Secretary.

Dec. 6-8, Fulton, Mo., Rhodes, Judge; D. W. Whanger, Secretary.

Dec. 6-9—Danbury, Conn., C. H. Brundage, Secretary.

Dec. 10-14, Waverly, Ia., Shellabarger, Judge; B. L. Burbank, Secretary.

Dec. 10-14, Sheboygan, Wis., James Tucker, Judge; E. C. Kuehlmann, Sec'y.

Dec. 10-15, Great Bend, Kans., Fite, Judge; J. A. Lessemann, Secretary.

Dec. 10-15, Warren, Ill., Heimlich, Judge; B. L. Wright, Secretary.

Dec. 11, Warren, Ohio, T. E. Orr, Judge; Wm. G. Baldwin, Secretary.

Dec. 11-14, Lewistown, Mo. Lewistown Poultry Association; A. O. Brooking, Secretary, La Belle, Mo.; Frank Heck, Judge.

Dec. 11-14, Winsted, Conn. F. D. Hallet, Secretary.

Dec. 11-14, Quincy, Ill., Lane, Judge; A. E. Rogers, Secretary.

December 11-14, Johnstown, N. Y., Adirondack Poultry & Pet Stock Club, B. W. Mosher, Secretary.

Dec. 11-14, Quincy, Mich. S. B. Lane, Judge; A. E. Rogers, Secretary.

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Dec. 11-15, Cary, Ohio, George H. Bur-

gott, Judge; Geo. Wolfrene, Secretary.

Dec. 11-16, Tacoma, Wash., Henry Ber-

rar and Harry H. Collier, Judges; Mrs. C. A. Pratt, Secretary.

Dec. 12-14—Kingston, N. Y., F. E. Miller, Secretary, Rifton, N. Y.

Dec. 12-15—Corsicana, Tex., W. E. Elliott, Secretary, Box 281.

Dec. 12-15, Fresno, Cal. Fresno Poultry, Pigeon and Pet Stock Association, George R. Andrews, Secretary.

Dec. 12-15, Stoughton, Wis. Stoughton Poultry Association; Sylvanus Ames, Secretary; Frank Heck, Judge.

Dec. 12-15, St. Mary's, Ohio. Wick Hathaway, Judge; F. F. Aschbacher, Secretary.

Dec. 12-15, Princeton, Ill. Charles McClave and J. M. Rapp, Judges; Frank R. Bryant, Sec'y.

Dec. 14-19, Charleston, S. C. G. O. Brown and F. J. Marshall, Judges; T. J. McCarty, Secretary.

Dec. 17-20, Clarinda, Ia., Rhodes, Judge; John Lagerquisk, Secretary.

Dec. 17-21, Mound City, Mo., Russell, Judge; W. H. Weightman, Secretary.

Dec. 17-21, Pierce City, Mo., Emry, Judge; Thomas Carlin, Secretary.

Dec. 17-22, North Yakima, Wash., W. C. Denny, Judge; S. H. Schreiner, Secretary.

Dec. 17-22, Sullivan, Ill., Lane, Judge; D. W. Duncan, Secretary.

Dec. 18, McConnellsville, Ohio, T. E. Orr, Judge; G. M. Foster, Secretary.

Dec. 18-21, Geneva, Ohio. R. H. Munger, Secretary.

Dec. 18-21, Greenfield, Ia., Shellabarger, Judge; Mrs. S. E. Alley, Secretary.

Dec. 18-21, Jacksonville, Ill., Heimlich, Judge; Ralph Dunlap, Secretary.

Dec. 18-22, Ponce City, Oklahoma Ter., Fite, Judge; Flem. Smith, Secretary.

Dec. 19-21, Rutherford, N. J., E. J. Irwin, Secretary.

Dec. 19-22, Holland, Mich. Holland Poultry and Pet Stock Association; L. S. Sprietsma, Secretary; Frank Heck, Judge.

Dec. 19-22, Mohnsville, Pa. Wyomissing Poultry Association; George W. Hatt, Secretary, Mohn's Store, Pa.; Charles T. Cornman, Judge.

Dec. 20-22, Wenatchee, Wash., Harry H. Collier, Judge; John N. Johnson, Secretary.

Dec. 20-22, Savannah, Mo., Rhodes, Judge; S. C. Schmitt, Secretary.

Dec. 24-28, Walden, N. Y. D. A. Nichols, Judge; Chas. A. Dawson, Sec'y.

Dec. 24-26, Elgin, Ill., Shellabarger, Judge; M. E. Meredith, Secretary.

Dec. 24-26, Forrest, Ill., Heimlich, Judge; C. C. Johnson, Secretary.

Dec. 24-29, Oakland, Ill., Lane, Judge; O. L. Minter, Secretary.

Dec. 24-29, Oskaloosa, Ia., Shellabarger and Russell, Judges; J. R. Hoover, Sec.

Dec. 25-28, Kalamazoo, Mich., James A. Fucher, Judge; F. A. Hoag, Secretary.

Dec. 25-28, Alleghany, Pa., E. Sites, Judge; Chas. Fuller, Secretary.

Dec. 25-29, Beatrice, Neb., Fite, Judge; Frank E. Lenhart, Secretary.

Dec. 25-29, Lititz, Pa. C. T. Cornman and W. Theo. Wittman, Judges; J. W. Bruckhart, Sec'y.

Dec. 26, Shelby, Ohio, T. E. Orr, Judge; W. O. Smith, Secretary.

Dec. 26-29, East Greenville, Pa. Geo. W. Webb and F. H. Castuer, Judges; C. A. Mack, Peinnsburgh, Pa., Sec'y.

Dec. 26-29, Macomb, Ill., Heimlich, J. A. McFatch, Secretary.

Dec. 27-29, Spicard, Mo., Leon A. Tracy, Secretary.

Dec. 29-Jan. 2, Meriden, Conn., D. A. Nichols, W. N. Card and D. J. Lambert, Judges; W. W. Sleets, Secretary.

Dec. 31, Kokoma, Ind., Lane, Judge.

Dec. 31-Jan. 2, Gordonsville, Mo., Heimlich, Judge; E. W. Hink, Secretary.

Dec. 31-Jan. 4, Jackson, Mo., Rhodes, Judge; Chas. Behrans, Secretary.

Dec. 31-Jan. 5, Lansing, Mich., J. A. Tucker, Judge; J. A. Turner, Secretary.

Dec. 31, Jan. 5, Greenfield, Mass. D. J. Lambert, Judge; Lee W. Devoss, Sec'y.

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Jan. 1, Leipsic, Ohio, T. E. Orr, Judge; H. S. Enck, Secretary.

Jan. 1-4, Lima, Ohio. C. E. Cram and J. E. Gault, Judges; Edw. Helser, Sec'y.

Jan. 1-5, Madison Square, New York City, H. V. Crawford, Secretary.

Jan. 1-5, 1907, Elgin, Ill. F. H. Shellabarger, Judge; Winfield W. Britton, Sec'y.

Jan. 2-5, South Bend, Wash., Harry H. Collier, Judge; F. M. Heath, Secretary.

Jan. 2-5, Bedford, Ia., Russell, Judge; D. C. Moehler, Secretary.

Jan. 4, Goshen, Ind., T. E. Orr, Judge; Will H. Schadt, Secretary.

Jan. 7, Auburn, N. Y., T. E. Orr, Judge; J. H. Scott, Secretary.

Jan. 7-11, Aurora, Ill. Aurora Poultry Association; Walter M. Smith, Secretary; Frank Heck, Judge.

Jan. 7-11, Denver, Colo., Heimlich, Judge; G. W. Veditz, Secretary.

Jan. 7-12, Auburn, N. Y. Annual meeting of American Poultry Association with Auburn Fanciers' Association. J. H. Scott, Secretary.

Jan. 7-12, Normal, Ill., Pierce, McClave, Tucker, Fite and Heyl, Judges; A. L. Moore, Secretary.

Jan. 7-12, Topeka, Kans., Heimlich, Judge; D. M. Owen, Secretary.

Jan. 8-10, Lenox, Mass. Honest "Dave" and Shaylor, Judges; L. H. Peters, Secretary.

Jan. 8-10, Barre, Vt. H. B. May and C. A. Ballou, Judges, James E. Mitchell, Secretary.

Jan. 8-11, Middletown, Conn. Graves and Bunnell, Judges; Arthur L. Clark, Secretary.

Jan. 8-11, Dallas, Texas, Lane, Judge; Albert Beeman, Secretary.

Jan. 8-11, Peterboro, N. H., W. H. Spaulding, Secretary.

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Jan. 8-12, Sidney, Ohio, Gault and Cram, Judges; Earl Lee, Secretary.

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Jan. 8-12, Enid, Oklahoma, C. A. Enroy, Judge; Fred Roy Ziller, Secretary.

Jan. 8-13, Seattle, Wash., George D. Holden, Judge; N. Anderson, Secretary.

Jan. 9-12, Alameda, Cal. Alameda County Poultry Association, C. G. Hinds, Secretary.

Jan. 9-12, Tiffin, Ohio. Chas. McClave, Judge; V. Crabtree, Secretary.

Jan. 9-13, Chilton, Wis. Chilton Poultry and Pet Stock Association; A. Stransky, Secretary; Frank Heck, Judge.

Jan. 9-13, Sharon, Pa. H. A. Emmel and A. F. Kummer, Judges; John S. Leslie, Secretary.

Jan. 9-15, Detroit, Mich., Richard Oke, H. P. Schwab and S. Butterfield, Judges; T. F. Millsbaugh, Secretary.

Jan. 14-18, Chas. E. Cram, Judge; N. H. Blecker, Secretary.

Jan. 14-19, Charlotte, N. C. G. O. Brown, Judge; W. B. Alexander, Sec'y.

Jan. 14-19, Nashville, Tenn. Tennessee State Poultry Breeders Association, W. C. Denny, F. J. Marshall and C. N. Hausen, Judges; Jno. A. Murkin, Jr., Sec'y.

Jan. 14-19, Lincoln, Neb., Russell, Rhodes and Shellabarger, Judges; L. P. Ludden, Secretary.

Jan. 14-19, Blackwell, Oklahoma Ter., Fite, Judge; Geo. Carson, Secretary.

Jan. 14-19, Rochester, N. Y. George J. Keller, Sec'y.

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Jan. 15-18, Port Huron, Mich., Robt. Taylor, Secretary.

Jan. 15-19, 1907—Kansas City, Mo., P. H. DePree, Secretary.

Jan. 15-19—Angola, Ind., Tri-State P. and P. S. Association, W. K. Sheffer, Secretary.

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Jan. 15-19, Boston, Mass., S. L. Roberts, Secretary.

Jan. 16-20, Charlotte, N. C. Charlotte Poultry Association; W. B. Alexander, Secretary.

Jan. 16-22, Portland, Oregon, Elmer Dixon, Judge; F. Fenwick and E. Carlisle, Secretaries.

Jan. 17, Milwaukee, Wis., T. E. Orr, Judge; C. G. Loeber, Secretary.

Jan. 21-24, Kankakee, Ill., Russell, Judge; E. P. Vining, Secretary.

Jan. 21-25, Salt Lake City, Utah, Heimlich, Judge; C. J. Sanders, Secretary.

Jan. 21-26, Walla Walla, Wash., Elmer Dixon, Judge; J. M. Davis, Secretary.

Jan. 21-26, Adrian, Mich., J. L. Heathcock, Secretary.

Jan. 21-26, Rockford, Ill., Shellabarger, Judge; Chas. S. Gilbert, Secretary.

Jan. 21-26, St. Joseph, Mo., Rhodes; E. L. McDonald, Secretary.

Jan. 21-26, Fort Wayne, Ind. The Peoples' Poultry and Pet Stock Association, T. E. Orr and George Ewald Judges, D. F. Ault Secretary.

Jan. 22, Fort Wayne, Ind., T. E. Orr, Judge; P. C. Hiller, Secretary.</

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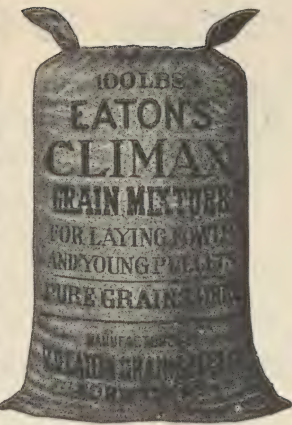
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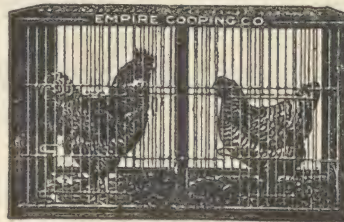


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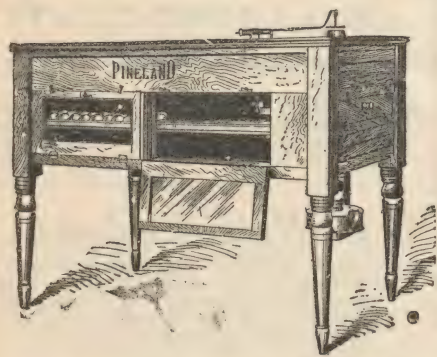
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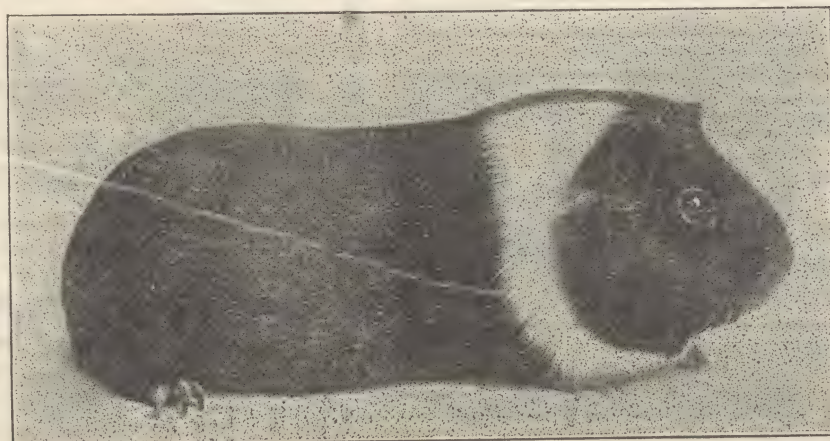
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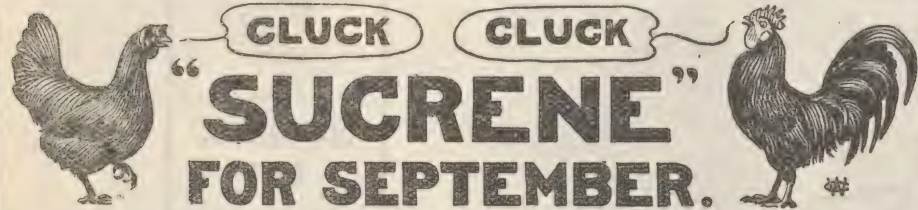
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Meeting of Committee of Fourteen—Proposed Changes In Constitution

The committee of fourteen appointed at Cincinnati to revise the constitution and by-laws of The American Poultry Association, held its meeting at Mt. Clemens, Mich., on the dates August 7 to 15, inclusive. Whatever this committee may have done, or left undone, no one can say that they did not work constantly and persistently to develop a plan of re-organization which will be fully set forth in their final report.

This committee, as is well known, consisted of the following: Fred. L. Kimmey, Ill., chairman; George D. Holden, Minn.; Grant M. Curtis, N. Y.; T. E. Orr, Penn'a.; H. V. Crawford, N. J.; H. B. Donovan, Canada; Henry Berrar, Cal.; J. H. Sledd, Tenn.; William F. Whiting, Mass.; D. Lincoln Orr, N. Y.; Theodore Hewes, Ind.; Thomas F. Rigg, Iowa; Lester F. Tompkins, Mass.; F. D. Baerman, N. J. Very much to the regret of the others of the committee, two members, from whom great help was expected, were unable to be present, namely, William F. Whiting, of Massachusetts, and Henry Berrar, of California.

Twenty-one formal sessions of the committee were held, some of these extending well toward midnight, and at every hour, when the general committee was not in session, various sub-committees were hard at work, shaping up material for general discussion.

Much of the time of the first day's session was devoted to a consideration of incorporation, and the arguments pro and con which for twenty years have burdened the minutes of our meetings, were heard again, and likewise other new ones; but after receiving the advice of two attorney members of the committee, and hearing the written opinion of other corporation lawyers which agreed that at present there can be no individual liability for the debts of the Association, it was decided by the committee unwise to recommend incorporation at the present time; but further reports on this subject through individual members of this committee, will be heard at Auburn.

The two most radical changes that will be recommended to the Auburn meeting comprise, first, the method of voting for officers which will be by mail, the election to be conducted by an Election Commissioner, who is the only officer to be elected by the general Association. He will have entire charge of calling for nominations for the various officers and places of meeting. Having received these nominations he will classify them and re-submit the five leading candidates for

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The place of meeting will thus, instead of being selected by the Executive Committee, be designated by the members of the general association by mail vote. It is recommended that for the first three years after the adoption of the new constitution, should the Association decide to adopt it, that the meetings be held in the same place, and that a change of place of holding the meeting be not oftener than once in three years.

It is further recommended that the annual meeting be held during the month of August and separately and independent from any poultry show; and that a poultry institute in connection with the annual meeting may be held that will have sufficient drawing power to bring many members into attendance who have heretofore neglected the annual meetings.

The second important change recommended is the reduction of the executive committee, now to be called the executive board, from a body of 120 members to one consisting of the President, Vice-President, Secretary-Treasurer and nine members each elected to serve three years, three dropping out each year, and in addition one member from each branch organization under the provisions of this constitution. As no two members of the Executive Board can be elected from the same State, the representative power of the Association will be widely distributed.

Some changes in the membership of the Association are recommended. The life membership remains as heretofore. Club, associate and society members, each entitled to one vote, shall be established and provided for.

It is recommended that branch memberships be organized in various sections of the country. No branch

can embrace a greater territory than six states or provinces, nor can it be smaller than one state or province. To these branch associations, when properly organized, will be delegated much of the work of the general association; and it is believed that especially in the outlying districts much greater interest in the workings of the Association will result. For every five members of the general association found in the membership of a branch, an additional vote in the affairs of the general association will be given; and while its individual members will still retain their individual votes, if they should not be present at the annual meeting the delegates of their branch will thus represent them and their wishes. One half of the entire membership fee sent in to the general association, will be returned to the branch for use by them in encouraging poultry interests within their own territory.

Annual memberships will no longer be received; but all the rights of the present list of annual members will be preserved to them, and it is believed that a majority of the present annual members will, before the adoption of this constitution, convert themselves into life members.

The duties of the Finance Committee remain as at present, but this committee will present formal reports to each annual meeting through the executive board which appoints the finance committee from within its own membership.

The President, as now, will be chairman of the executive board, and will be required to countersign all checks issued by the Secretary-Treasurer. He shall call a meeting of either the executive board or of the general association on the written demand of five members of the executive committee.

The duties of the Secretary-Treasurer will remain as at present, with others specified, such as furnishing a certificate of membership to present and incoming members of the association. He must deposit in banks to be approved by the finance committee, the funds of the association in the name of said association; the funds to be divided into (1) a current fund, from which may be paid the current expenses of the association; (2) an emergency fund, or investment fund, which cannot be drawn upon except by order of the general association for a specific purpose; and no indebtedness can be created by the executive board beyond the amount of the current fund on hand at the time.

The annual report of the Secretary-Treasurer is to be made to the execu-

tive board, and shall become a part of the annual report of the executive board to the general association. The executive board shall meet one day in advance of each annual meeting, and submit a complete report of its transactions during the fiscal year ending June 30th previous.

The salary of the Secretary-Treasurer is to be fifteen hundred dollars per year; and since his duties are greatly enlarged, requiring him to be absent from the office much of the time, he is allowed an office assistant or stenographer at a salary of ten dollars per week. All letters received by him as Secretary-Treasurer and also copies of all letters written by him, must be kept on file. He must devote his entire time and attention to the duties of his office and be under the direction of the executive board. He may be removed for cause at any time by the executive board, and the salary for the unexpired portion of his term forfeited.

It requires eight members of the executive board, and fifteen members of the general association, to constitute a quorum. The executive board must use its best endeavors to increase the life, associate, club and branch membership of the Association.

A committee of three, which it shall appoint, may distribute diplomas and medals to members of the association through branch associations and associate members.

The executive board shall have power to license judges, whether of long experience or amateurs; but shall have full power to suspend or disqualify them and recommend to the general association when it is deemed advisable, to revoke their licenses. It shall cooperate with branch associations in avoiding conflict of dates of holding poultry shows, and shall arrange for poultry conventions and especially for an annual poultry institute in connection with the annual meeting.

The executive board is to appoint a standing revision committee that shall from year to year receive suggestions as to needed changes in the Standard. One year previous to the issuing of a new revision of the Standard, such needed changes are to be presented to the general association, at which time an enlarged revision committee may be appointed.

The Standard is to be revised once in five years and not oftener. In the meantime no change can be made except the correction of evident mistakes. The executive board shall have power to fill vacancies that occur among officers of the association or in the standing or special committee, and

shall safeguard the interest of the association at all times, especially during the intervals between annual meetings.

The fiscal year of the association shall close on June 30th, and the books of the Secretary-Treasurer must be audited within one month of that time, so that their correctness may be certified and the details of the Secretary-Treasurer's work brought before the general association at its annual meeting through the executive board.

Any member of the general association may be suspended or disqualified from showing by the executive board, and on the recommendation of the executive board to the general association at its annual meeting through the executive board.

The admission of new breeds to the Standard of Perfection will hereafter be more difficult, as no new breed can be admitted except at the time of the revision of the Standard, which is once in five years.

Many of the existing provisions of the by-laws are transferred to the constitution. The by-laws elaborate more fully than heretofore the duties of the officers and executive board. The regulations for shows held under the auspices of the American Poultry Association are very complete, and protection of the honest exhibitor against designing exhibitors or unscrupulous judges is assured; for example, any one exhibiting a bird that does not absolutely belong to him, or which has been "faked" in any way, may be disqualified from exhibiting at any American Poultry Association show. Any judges found guilty of collusion with an exhibitor may be disqualified from judging any American Poultry Association show.

A list of licensed judges shall always be advisable through the Secretary-Treasurer's office for the use of associations; and a list of lecturers competent to discuss poultry topics, shall also be available for the use of branches, institutes and conventions.

As at present provided, a two-thirds vote shall be necessary for the adoption of this constitution or for any changes that may be suggested hereafter.

HISTORY OF LAKEWOOD FARM.

(Continued from August 18th.)

A. For the six winter months, 47 cents a dozen, and in summer 32 cents, making an average of about 40 cents a dozen, and out of that must be deducted the cost of the boxes that he sent them in, which are about 1 cent a piece.

A Member: You can buy them for \$14 a thousand, printed.

The Chairman: I buy the boxes for \$7.50 a thousand, and print a label of my own which forms the seal of the box, and they cost in all less than 1 cent a box.

Mr. Graham: Mr. Brown's boxes are different from anybody else's, and my recollection is that they cost 1½ cents apiece. It looks like a macaroni box.

Q. Did Mr. Brown say anything to you about feeding iron to the hen in order to make the eggs better for the patients in the hospital.

Mr. Hunter: Now that you refer to it I have an impression that he did. He is going to supply the public with an egg that is absolutely free from microbes and treated with iron so that you can take iron into your system in small quantities. If you put an absolutely unfertilized egg into an in-

cubator you can evaporate it all to nothing, but if you put the germ of life in there you either hatch a chick or addle the egg. The unfertilized egg will keep fresh longer and if you can convince the public that it is better you can get a better price for it.

Mr. Graham: Do you not think Mr. Brown is a unique advertiser?

Mr. Hunter: Yes, he is, and I think he has something up his sleeve that I am not at liberty to tell you. Mr. Brown's firm is an incorporated company, and the books are kept just as they would be in a bank or in commercial houses, and he has submitted the trial balance to me.

Mr. Graham: Did you figure out which pays best, the broiler end or the egg end?

Mr. Hunter: I advocate working both. He had a thousand newly hatched chickens in his brooders in the fall.

Mr. Graham: What is land worth down there without the buildings on it?

Mr. Hunter: The land is not worth very much; it is sandy. They can grow all kinds of fruit on it.

Mr. Graham: What is a good practical bird worth outside the show pen?

Mr. Hunter: I have known good, practical White Wyandotte males to be sold for \$25, regardless of show qualities.

Mr. Graham: Would you pay \$25 for an ideal, utility, White Wyandotte male?

Mr. Hunter: If I wanted it very much I would. I believe I would get the worth of it because practical stock of that kind is going to be appreciated by the buying public. It is being admitted by ninety per cent of the buying public to-day.

Mr. Graham: Don't you think the trouble with most of us is that we do not know what we want?

Mr. Hunter: Perhaps that is the trouble.

A Member: How about buying a setting of eggs in the spring?

Mr. Hunter: In that case you are taking chances of these eggs developing into good stock, and it takes a real man or woman to raise real stock. I have seen chickens from the choicest eggs that I would not give ten cents for. A few weeks before the World's Fair, St. Louis, I was visiting a poultryman, and he was picking out some to go to the World's Fair and he said, "I have some better ones in the country. I sent so-and-so some of my best eggs and we will get a team and drive down there after dinner and look them over." I went with him, and you never saw such a sick man in all your life. He had not been down there for two or three months, and that stock raised from 400 of his best eggs that he could easily have sold for \$5 a setting was not worth anything. They were a miserable lot of runts and scrubs, simply because the man who had attempted to raise them was simply a runt and a scrub himself. One of our dairy institute speakers says it is a scrub man that has the scrub cow, and it is true; and it is a scrub man that has the scrub hen, and the scrub man will make scrub hens out of the best stock on earth.

Mr. Blanchard, who is one of the best poultrymen in New York State, was driving out with me, and he said, "Here is a farmer who has raised 300 chickens this last year, and I was so busy that I did not get up to keep tab on him, and the result was that the pullets were only half size. You can-

not get growth on birds once they are stunted. There seems to be a psychological moment when you can make chickens grow and after you get past that you cannot make any progress with them.

The Chairman: You spoke of the Lakewood Farm selling 400 pullets for \$1,000. Taking twenty-five cents for the average price of eggs the year round, what would you consider the commercial value of a well developed pullet in the months of September and October?

A. It would depend upon the laying possibility of the pullet. He got 148 eggs, say twelve dozen, that would be \$3 and it will cost \$1 to feed the hen. I found one year it cost me \$1.35 per head to feed my hens.

The Chairman: First you have \$3 for the eggs, then you can sell the birds?

Mr. Hunter: Thirty-five cents for a Leghorn.

The Chairman: Take a White Wyandotte.

Mr. Hunter: They are worth \$1.

The Chairman: Say 50 cents. The cost of keeping that would be \$1 and that leaves \$2.50 profit. What should that pullet be sold for in September or October?

Mr. Hunter: Looking at it from that standpoint, he got his profit out of the sale from the birds; but here is a point which he overlooked. These birds would have been worth \$1.50 to \$2 apiece for future purposes.

Mr. Graham: Who is going to buy these birds at \$1 apiece? Would you buy them.

Mr. Hunter: Yes, I would. They would make enough in a year to pay for the feed, and I would have the eggs for breeding. A year old hen will give you more vigorous chickens.

A Member: Which hen lays the most eggs?

Mr. Hunter: Pullets every time; sometimes you will get an exception to the rule.

A Member: Can you feed a hen for \$1 a year, counting the cost of labor?

Mr. Hunter: It does not cost Mr. Tillinghast more than 70 cents.

Mr. Graham: The cost of feeding these hens at the experiment station was 95 cents exclusive of labor.

The Chairman: I made a very accurate test; fed the hens entirely on food bought in small quantities in the store, and figured up the average cost from month to month, and the total of the year's results was 96 cents exclusive of labor. They got no scraps from the house; everything was bought.

Mr. Hunter: Orono, Maine, is as far north as Ottawa, and they have as cold a climate. They are 100 miles back from the sea; they do not let their birds out doors from the middle of October until April or May. Down there Prof. Gowell has built these poultry houses, and one man is taking care of 2,000 head of layers. He wanted to purchase 9,000 eggs in order to get 1,500 pullets. They have one house that is heated, and they get less eggs from the hens in that house than they do from the others. My good friend, Prof. Rice, spoke yesterday of the sturdy looking people you have up here in Canada. You are out doors a lot, and you get the benefit of the ozone in the air, and I think you should apply the same principle to your hens. These 9,000 eggs that Prof. Gowell got were so good that he raised over 4,000 chickens. The cockerels

were sold off as broilers when they weighed 1½ pounds, and he sold 1,985, and his net returns from them was \$1,078. He raised about 60 cockerels for breeders. He was planning to build a house 300 feet long for 1,500 birds, and he had built a house 400 feet long in order to accommodate the additional birds. One bag of beef scrap that he bought was a little tainted, and in the house where this was fed there were four or five pens of chickens that were drinking an enormous quantity of water—three times as much as any of the other pens—and diarrhoea set in and several of the birds died. They immediately began reducing the diet, and took out the beef scrap and reduced the quantity of oats, and reduced the supply of corn. He did that for about a week, and then began feeding them up again, and, notwithstanding this setback, when I was there in December they were laying about 600 eggs a day, and they increased to 800 and 900 in January, and at the last report he had was 880 eggs. The houses they are building in New Jersey are on sills six inches square, the floor stringers 2x8, and a double board floor. The whole house is as strong as a barn. He said, "I mean it shall be here when I am through with it." Lumber is so cheap in that region that the total cost of that house and a shingle over the house and the back walls double boarded and double boarded up the front was only \$2,700 or \$1.35 per bird. Lumber is only \$10 a thousand down there. They built the house themselves.

A Member: Does Bulletin 117 contain all this information?

A. No, it does not. This is on Prof. Gowell's private poultry farm. But Bulletin 117 tells you about the work of the station, and gives you the food methods they employ. This house is 400 feet long by 20 feet wide, and is divided into 20 foot pens.

The Chairman: To whom do we write to get that information?

Mr. Hunter: The Maine Experimental Station, Orono, Maine, and the information about Prof. Gowell's house will be published in the American Poultry Advocate in the March number. The Maine Experimental Station got about 158 eggs per year per hen. Their birds are bred for egg production, and have been bred by the trap nest method.

The Chairman: You said of Mr. Brown's house for his breed pens that he had a scratching shed in front of the roosting pen?

Mr. Hunter: An open front and just a curtain to be closed between the two.

Mr. Graham: I have much pleasure in moving a vote of thanks to Prof. Rice and Mr. Hunter for the very excellent addresses they have given us at this institute. The motion was seconded by Mr. Elford, and carried amid great applause.

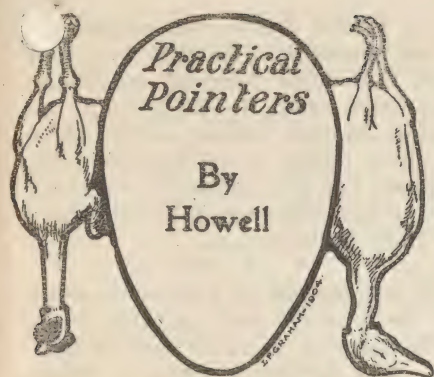
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The Rock man in this town who feeds his fowls in bulk on the once a week plan, and whose methods and success has been previously mentioned, has just turned a new one loose. "George," he says to me, "if you want your hens to lay let them run around, mine had stopped laying, but I gave them their liberty and now all are laying again." Ye gods! How simple, here we are at our wits end to keep up our regular shipments, when free range would have filled the egg basket, were it a fact I would have been a rich man ere this, just from selling eggs, as free range for our layers is served on the bill of fare every day in the year, weather permitting. No doubt a flock which has been confined in a yard all season, if allowed their liberty, would increase wonderfully in egg production. I can conceive of no more welcome change that could come to them than a grassy run abounding in shade, in lieu of a bare run from which every spear and blade of grass has been plucked months ago, not to do so would show ingratitude of the worst sort.

In cleaning house it is necessary to gather up the feathers cast out in moult and which collect in the corners and under the roost platforms, as much of a necessity as the removal of the droppings themselves, lice revel in them and breed at a fast clip which a moment of time could have prevented.

In an editorial, one of our Western brothers says, he is not soliciting judging dates, and does not care a continental if he never judges a show, which is in marked contrast with a letter received from a not obscure breeder, by our local fair, asking for the job of judging the chickens, and shown me by the superintendent of poultry. Of all the rotten gush, filth and slush ever put in an application for a job, this tops them all. I did not think there was a hen man in the country so soft in the head as to send out such a letter.

I don't hear much about plucking the layers to cause an early moult; nature can be trusted to do a first-class job in her own way; one thing is a certainty, no hen will moult and lay at the same time, its either one or the other, a moult in summer means egg production in fall, if delayed until fall, no eggs until spring. Nature can be assisted somewhat, wheat, oats, wheat bran and middlings are fine foods to carry a fowl through moult, sulphur, salt, charcoal, pepper, etc., in limited quantities can be added to the mash with benefit, wheat and oats are more dependable, however, I would as leave trust a pinch of sulphur to stimulate egg production in the fall, as my friend's open air cure referred to at the beginning of this week's article.

It is inhuman to allow water pans to empty or stale these hot days, the intense heat coupled with more or

less humidity in the air, incites a thirst in beast, fowl and human that requires a frequent liquid application.

Recently I saw an example of nature's way in this matter, at a hydrant the cup above the attachment was constantly full of changing water, being an early riser I sat on the porch and saw the different birds with homes in the neighborhood, hordes of chickens, and finally the house dog go to this fount and slake their thirst.

When you see your hens drooping about their yards on a hot day, remember this farmhouse fable and supply them with water.

THE SPRINGFIELD SHOW.

Editor American Fancier:

Springfield, Mass., will hold a show December 12th to 15th. Some of the leading fanciers of Springfield and vicinity that made the first two shows held by the Springfield Poultry and Pet Stock Association the successes they were, are to form a stock company for the purpose of holding annual shows. The capital stock of the club will be sufficient to insure prompt payment of all bills. The high standard reached by these fanciers in the two shows run by them is a guarantee that the coming show, December 12th to 15th, will be one of the best conducted shows in the country. As soon as the organization is completed a list of officers with the names of judges and other information will be announced.

The show will be held in Graves Hall, on Main street, one block from the post office, and the best location in the city.

Several new and important ideas will be carried out in running this show that will be greatly appreciated by the exhibitors and the public.

The practical side of the poultry industry will have especial attention and exhibits and lectures arranged that will meet with the approval of that class of poultry raisers that are not drawn to a strictly fanciers' show.

All intending exhibitors this coming winter are invited to include Springfield in their list when arranging as to what shows they will exhibit with.

A square deal will be given to all.

Yours for the betterment of the poultry industry.

W. R. GRAVES.

LITITZ, PA.

Some one said: "The average life of a Poultry Association is three years." Lititz, Pa. will hold its fourth annual poultry and pigeon show, December 25-30, 1906, and while the Lititz boys claim they have already had the biggest and best show in the State, this one is to be still larger and better. The object of this association is to hold a people's show. Their watchword is: "Take care of the exhibitors, and the exhibitors will take care of the show." Their specialty has always been a long line of cash specials so placed that every one has a whack at them. In addition to this, the association will give all prize winners handsome silk ribbons in addition to the regular and cash specials. This will certainly make Lititz a drawing card to all intending exhibitors. W. Theo. Wittman and Chas. T. Cornman will place the awards. J. W. Bruckart and D. G. Witmyer, of Lititz, Pa., are the secretaries.

Connecticut State Poultry Association.

If, in these remarks there should crop out a seeming undue enthusiasm, I trust your readers will attribute it to a pardonable pride in belonging to an organization, the first of its kind, "the Pioneer" in a concerted and co-operative movement for the betterment of all poultry and every poultry interest whether utility, fancy or otherwise. A movement, well conceived, planned and developed at the right time and by the right man has more than exceeded all expectations, causing widespread attention from associations, agricultural colleges and practical investigations in every section wherein the "glad tidings" have penetrated, in short, causing the poultry world to set right up and take notice of a brand new state of affairs in poultrydom.

The Connecticut State Poultry Association was organized February, 1906, at Hartford, with a charter membership of 115, a constitution formed and officers elected. Prof. Graham, the chairman of the meeting conceiving the unique plan of allotting different sections to each country, where impromptu caucuses were immediately held by the county representatives and candidates nominated, which done, all again assembled in one body of each county were elected by acclamation, everything moving with a celerity and smoothness worthy of notice from even a Tammany politician, the unanimous choice of Prof. Graham for President was a most popular one, a benefitting testimonial, to the originator and promoter of a benefaction to poultrymen that bids fair to become national, which the many visitors from other States to our field meetings attest to.

People who are a power in national poultry circles, as well as the prominence of the speakers at each field meeting held. At the meeting at Starr's over 225 attended, the speakers were Prof. Gamewell, of Maine Ex. Station, Prof. W. R. Graham, of Ex. Station and last, but surely not least, Prof. Edward Brown, Assistant Director Agri. Dept., University College, Reading, England; speakers along practical and utility lines without peers. Among the visitors were seen faces familiar to every poultry crank from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

A. F. Hunter, that veteran campaigner of utility methods, Jas. L. Nix, of Homer City, Penn, who for a quarter of a century has been instructing chicken folks how to put the old setting hen out of business, T. Farrar Rockham with a photo of Madison Square Garden in one eye and Mechanics' Building, Boston, in the other, and a halo of Spratt's Patents above his urbane brow, John H. Robinson, editor of Farm Poultry, he, of the acid pen and sweet milk disposition, F. O. Groesbeck, the New England White Leghorn Champion and all around poultry athlete, G. C. Tillinghast, the perfecter of the least work and biggest profit plan for keeping poultry, besides excellent delegations from each and every county in the State, made up a meeting at which high-tide enthusiasm bubbled and sized from open to close.

A word as to the object of these field meetings I feel, would not be amiss, and it could be placed in, indeed "one work" and that is, Education, to read and to observe the many failures through ignorance of the com-

monest things, the hundred and one idiocyncracies, superstitions and notions inconceivable as to benefits to the average poultryman surely proves the urgent need of sound education in poultry craft and the great advantage and benefit derived from these lectures of those qualified educators of National and International prominence, is beyond computation that the Connecticut poultrymen are alive and awake to the value to be accrued, a study of those in attendance proved. There's the poultryman with a fad, to whom a dollar more or less is of no great moment, but whose business instincts impel him to make it a profitable venture, then that hen man, so close and penurious to the degree that he would pinch a cent till the verdigris oozed from it, and the hard-working, earnest poultryist to whom care and such luxuries make inroads on his slender purse almost beyond considering, and yet from distant parts of the State come these enthusiasts of every condition and circumstance all seeking to know and not to guess at any cost, and then again the social side appeals greatly to all interested, to meet old friends, to make new ones, to look at the celebrities, to touch the hem of the garment even of the ones we have read so much about, to find after all "while their words and writings seem inspired" they are but human and sometimes very much so.

But the picnic jollity, the informality and happy family freedom of it all make every field meeting worth while to all interested, or otherwise, who attend. Actually these field meetings and institutes cannot be carried through without a considerable outlay of money, but the State, by liberal appropriations, meet every expense of such meetings, royally and loyally, the Association by a nominal fee of 50 cents per annum for membership, taking care of stationery, postage, etc. To still further promote the State poultry interests, \$10 will be given each poultry show in the State for exhibitions of dressed poultry and eggs, bringing the utility and fancy interests closer together for the general good of all.

The Executive Committee of ten, and Secretary and President meet once a month at Hartford to transact all necessary business and to plan and consider how to further advance the movement, (I would say the Executive Committee is composed of members chosen, one from each county with two chosen at large) "tween times" "so to speak." Prof. Graham is kept on the move speaking before poultry clubs and associations in different parts of the State, as well as others, whose enthusiasm has developed a hen oratory that wins favor in every section. Our able Secretary, Harrison Hamilton, of Ellington, Ct., is ever ready to impart information as to our objects, plans and aims to all inquiring minds whether from Connecticut or the wide world outside and in conclusion I would state that the Connecticut State Poultry Association is an aggregation of nutmegs, having that aromatic quality which proclaims the genuine, simon pure article and with that enthusiasm still at white heat, permit me to add "not wooden ones."

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Up to a week or ten days ago the season has been a hard one on young chickens. July especially has been long on moisture, excessive rains, thunder showers and humidity being anything but conducive to welfare of tender chickenhood. Reports from many points in the Eastern and the middle States indicate a crop of chicks below the average in numbers. Bantams seem to have been hit the hardest and early birds are as scarce as cold waves this summer. But the sunshine and breezy dry weather during the past ten days has worked wonders and old and young featherdom is undergoing a magical change. The birds seem to realize the show season is at hand and putting in their best licks to be fit and ready when the bell rings.

Cortland, N. Y. started the show season last Tuesday in impressive style. Mr. "Billy" Greenman, Secretary of the Cortland Fair, being an old time fancier, looks after the chicken end with an enthusiasm not surpassed by the most earnest officer at an exclusive winter show. He draws big entries on past records and will always continue to do so as long as he is in charge of affairs. It takes a chicken man to run the chicken end of a county or State fair. Unfortunately the management of some of the latter do not always think so and the consequence is a lamentable failure to produce an up-to-date poultry exhibit. Men may be qualified to superintend the hog and sheep departments but utterly at sea in handling poultry exhibits.

The Springfield (Mass.) Show is announced for December 12th to 15th. It will be the third annual and promises to exceed the former ones in many respects, so we are assured by Mr. W. R. Graves, the efficient and conservative secretary.

Here is a bit of information regarding the destroying of moles, from that veteran fancier of Light Brahmas, Mr. C. P. Nettleton, Shelton, Conn.: "Seeing an article in the May 5th number of The American Fancier about preventing moles from destroying peas, leads me to tell how to kill all moles on your premises with very little trouble and expense. Make yourself, or have your druggist make you, fifty pills of cornmeal, putting in some arsenic. Make pills the size of a large pea. When you see fresh mole runs around your premises, make a hole into the run with your finger, drop in a pill; do this in a number of different places every time you see a fresh run, and you will soon be rid of all your moles. This beats all kinds of traps. Do not trouble their run, only to drop the pill in, then lay a lump of dirt

over the hole, they will surely eat the pill." This seems a good remedy for a most annoying evil in many gardens and runs.

Mr. T. Farrer Rackham, secretary and superintendent of the poultry department of the great Inter-State Fair, Trenton, New Jersey, writes that the premium lists and entry blanks are ready for mailing. Three or four hundred dollars in gold specials and an up-to-date list of judges have been secured and all that is necessary is the support of the fanciers and the finest show ever held in Trenton will be the result. The entry fee for poultry on single birds is one dollar; on breeding pens, two dollars. Pigeons and pet stock fee is fifty cents. Keep an eye on Trenton.

While in Philadelphia recently we had quite a chat with Frank P. Smith, proprietor of Penn-Square Kennels, especially on the value of the different breeds of terriers for the poultry farm. Mr. Smith is one of the best canine experts and dealers in dogs in the United States. He has supplied thousands of dogs for special working purposes. Fox terriers are evidently the popular favorites for vermin catching, as they do their work well and are at the same time very likable as house dogs. The smooth coats lead in popularity, but the wire haired rustlers are highly appreciated by their owners when it comes to a rat killing matinee. In fact, the whole tribe of terriers are all to the good in this direction. As a watch dog, the Airedale Terrier stands pre-eminent. This canine—with the intelligence nearest to a human being—is still somewhat scarce in the United States, the demand exceeding the supply, but the day is not far off when hundreds of farms will be guarded over by these splendid watchdogs. Poultry farmers and fanciers and farmers cannot afford to be without a dog or two, especially for vermin destroyers and watchers, and it would seem wise and even profitable to have a kennel on the farm and raise a few dogs each year. There is always a good demand for all kinds of terriers and the surplus coin made in this direction will help buy considerable chicken feed. The advantage of raising puppies on the farm to grow up with the stock is another decided advantage, as they become accustomed to chickens, young and old, and learn the art of taking care of them from the start. The American Fancier expects to publish shortly a series of articles on dogs for the poultry farm, which should prove of interest and value to all lovers of man's best friend—the dog.

Mr. Chas. M. Diffenderffer, Baltimore, Md., on August 16th, shipped seven Partridge Cochins Bantams to England, including some extra fine show birds. They are for one of England's leading fanciers of this variety, who will show them at the Palace.

Mr. Frank Bantam Zimmer, of Gloversville, N. Y., in sending in his change of advertisement this week is very enthusiastic over his Bantams and writes that he has over 200 of them and that he has sixty of the best and smallest Polish Bantams, both plain and bearded, he ever saw or raised. As "Zim" can claim to be the originator of White Polish Bantams

in the United States, his enthusiasm is well founded. His Red Pye and Black Red Game Bantams are in the same high class. It is a pity the veteran Bantam fancier cannot show his birds, owing to his extensive dog business, but his customers will reap the rewards this season as they have for many seasons past.

We are pleased to learn that there will be a show held at Greenville, South Carolina, January 15th to 18th, 1907. The Greenville Poultry, Pigeon and Pet Stock Association was organized last January, with seventy members, and are working hard for the best and largest show ever held in South Carolina. One of the great pioneer exhibitions was held in the Mountain City of the Palmetto State nearly fifteen years ago and it was a big one for those days. Some of the old fanciers who were active then seem to have dropped out but there are still a few of them left, to judge by the list of officers. The names of Yates, Hellains and Earnhardt sound very familiar.

We are indebted to Mr. James Dunn, of Jermyn, Pa., for a very handsome photograph of the first prize Silver Duckwing Game Bantam Cock at Wilkes-Barre, 1905, and Scranton, 1906, owned by Mr. D. Dunn. We will show the "little fellow" to readers of The American Fancier shortly. He is worth looking at.

Mr. Frank W. Gaylor, poultry manager of Gedney Farm, White Plains, N. Y., called at The American Fancier office one day this week and made his brief call both pleasant and instructive. Mr. Gaylor has been fortunate in capturing a large share of the foreign trade for his specialties, notably Orpingtons. If Frank could only talk or write Spanish, he would have the Spaniard as a steady customer now and for years to come. But he is learning fast and expects to have his Spanish catalogue out in a few weeks. He reports his young Pekin ducks, hatched last March, laying in a most prolific manner. This is going some, to use the popular phrase in these diggings.

NEW YORK MARKET.

(Journal of Commerce, Aug. 20.)

EGGS.—Receipts to-day, 7,003 ca. There are scarcely enough fresh eggs riving to meet the requirements of the trade and the market for such is quite firm, but without further change. It is easy to make 19c for average best packings of candled and graded eggs, and 19½ a 20c is obtained for a few of the higher qualities. The great bulk of the stock still shows hot weather defects, and it seems probable that this may be the case for some time to come, as the weather throughout the West is extremely hot; a great deal of this stock is selling in range of 16 a 18c. Prime dirties are sought for and are firm, but other grades are slow.

State, Pa & near-by, select-	25	@	26
ed, white, f'y.....			
State, Pa & near-by, select-	23	@	24
ed, white, good to choice,			
State, Pa & near-by, white,	20	@	22
ordinary to good.....			
State, Pa & near-by, mixed	23	@	24
colors, extra.....			
State, Pa & near-by, mixed,	21	@	22
extra firsts.....			
State, Pa & near-by, firsts..	19	@	19½
Western, selected, finest...			
Western, firsts.....	18½	@	19
Western, seconds.....	16½	@	18
Western, thirds.....	15½	@	16
Kentucky, fresh gathered..	15	@	17
Dirties, per dozen.....	12	@	
Checks, per dozen.....	9	@	

The official quotation of the New York

mercantile Exchange is 18½ a 19c for eastern firsts.

LIVE POULTRY.—No fresh carload lots of live poultry were unloaded to-day, but four cars that arrived yesterday are being carried over on the track by receivers. Receipts have been heavy this week, but there has been an unusually good demand, and spring chickens have cleaned up closely at firm prices, while not over two care of fowls remain unsold in jobbers' hands in the market. Other live poultry has been closely cleaned up at unchanged prices.

Spring Chickens.—
Western, per lb. @ 14½
Spring chickens, Southern and Southwestern. @ 14
Fowls, per lb. @ 13
Turkeys, per lb. @ 13
Spring Ducks, Long Island, per lb. 12½ @ 13
Live Pigeons, per pair. 20 @ 25

DRESSED POULTRY.—Only a few scattered lots of delayed stock arrived to-day and market has cleaned up closely of desirable grades of both fowls and chickens, with the latter firm and fowls steady. Considerable stock has been arriving all the week short of ice and more or less out of condition, and all such grades have to be forced for sale to cheap buyers at low and irregular figures.

Long Island and other near-by spring fowls have been in fair supply and only moderately active, though prices held about steady. Eastern spring geese scarce and firm. Squabs plenty and dull.

Spring Chickens.—
Philadelphia, dry-picked, 3 a 4 lbs av'ge to pair, fancy. 22 @ 23
Philadelphia, dry-picked, over 4 lbs av'ge to pair, fancy. 21 @ 23
Philadelphia, dry-picked, average run. 17 @ 19
N. Y. & Pa., dry-picked, fancy. 17 @ 19
N. Y. & Pa., dry-picked, average run. 15 @ 16
Western, dry-picked, f'y, 4 lbs and over to pair. @ 16
Western, dry-picked, av'g, 4 lbs and over to pair. @ 16
Western, scalded, average, Southern & Southwestern, average run. 14 @ 15
Poor. 10 @ 13

Fowls.—
Philadelphia, dry-picked, fancy. @ 14
Philadelphia, dry-picked, average run. @ 13½
Western, dry-picked, med. size, selected (culls out). @ 13½
Western, dry-picked, selected, bbls, heavy. @ 13
Western, dry-picked, av'ge run. @ 13
Western, dry-picked, poor to medium. 10 @ 12½
Southern & Southwestern, dry-picked, selected, bbls, Western, scalded, average run. @ 13
Western, scalded, poor to medium. 10 @ 12½
Southern & Southwestern, scalded, selected, bbls. @ 13½
Southern & Southwestern, scalded, inferior grades. 10 @ 12½

Other Poultry.—
Old cocks, dry-picked. @ 8½
Old cocks, scalded. @ 8½
Ducks, spring, L. I. and Eastern. 12 @ 12½
Ducks, spring, other near-by. @ 12
Ducks, old, L. I. & other near by. @ 10
Geese, spring, Eastern, white. 18 @ 20
Squabs, prime white, 8 lbs to doz, per doz. @ 2 75
Squabs, prime white, 7 lbs to doz, per doz. @ 2 00
Squabs, prime white, 6 a 6½ lbs to doz, per doz. 1 50 @ 1 50
Squabs, mixed, per doz. 1 25 @ 1 37
Squabs, dark, per doz. 1 25 @ 1 37
Squabs, culls, per doz. 50 @ 60

His First Love.

Editor American Fancier:
I will contract for space annually in The American Fancier, as I consider it my "first love" in the poultry paper line, having been a subscriber from its first issue. JAMES B. N. FITCH.
Mt. Vernon, N. Y., May 21, 1906.

Good Returns.

To The American Fancier:
We received American Fancier with ad in it, and have already had good returns from the same.

Yours truly,

ATWOOD KREIDER.

Lititz, Pa.

ENTIRELY NEW!

The Rosemer Running Water Fountain

For pigeons, poultry and live stock of all kinds. The biggest labor-saver of the day in the poultry line. Made by the L. W. Norton Co., 11 First St., Brighton, L. I., N. Y. For sale all dealers. Send for catalogue. tf

EXHIBITION STOCK.

By William McNeill, London.)

I do not see how it is that we have not more ladies in the poultry business, for I think they are more successful than men. If I were a lady to-morrow I would not marry a man unless he was a "chicken man," because they are the most kind hearted men alive. (Applause.) I do not see why more people do not raise Bantams. If they knew as much about them as I do they would raise nothing else. They are nice for the boys and girls, and keep them at home.

I will give you a few ideas on the Cochin Bantam. It should be a bird something like what you would mould in a pail. It should be as round as possible. We do not want them with a long body or big breast. You want a good, full hind part, very fluffy, and with lots of feathers, with a nice breast and good cushion. That is a good type of bird and ought to be worth \$15. In raising Bantams we try to breed from the very smallest, and another way is to breed them very early in the spring, and then turn around and bred from the young ones and get a second batch, and we can keep them small in that way. The Partridge Cochin should be mahogany in color, with a double row of lacing or penciling on every feather. Here is a bird that is no good in the world except that it is small (illustrated by a live specimen). It might be a nice breeder, but it has no color and no penciling.

Now we will pass on to some Black Hamburgs. There is no fowl on the face of the earth that will lay as many eggs as a Black Hamburg, and I can give you proof for it. We try to have them as plump as we can get them. I believe one Black Hamburg hen will lay as many eggs as any two birds of another breed. In breeding them if you try to get too high a color you are liable to get them with purple bars. We try to get them a green-black. Purple barred is a defect but not a disqualification. We try to get the hen just a nice, even shade of dull black, and then we can get a very good cockerel. If we breed to a high-colored female we will get them red hackle. You can see the red shining in this bird (illustrated), and she has a tendency to be more bronze than black. This bird also has what they call a hollow comb.

I think a Silver Spangled Hamburg is one of the best birds bred, and when you get a nice one there is nothing handsomer. It puts me in mind of a dude coming out of a band box.

I never breed from more than two or three hens. I never have more than that many good ones. I do not do as lots of other poultrymen do. They have three or four yards and they sell their eggs at \$5, \$4, and \$3, and if they have not any of the \$5 eggs you get the \$4, and if they have not the \$4 you get the \$3 ones. I do not sell any eggs except from the yard I breed from, and, as I never have more than three females to lay the eggs for myself, the people who buy from me get the same pen. The males and the females must have the right spangle in order to breed good birds. I only try to breed for quality and not for quantity, and I think I am pretty safe for the shows if I can raise five or six of each kind. I get most of my birds raised in the country. I send the eggs out to the farmers and pay them 50 cents apiece for raising them. Sup-

posing I get an order for a bird I go out to the farmers and give them \$1, and then I will sell that bird to you for \$10 or \$15, and that is the way I like to divide up with the farmers. I would rather have a bird raised in the country than one raised in the city. I always get better color on the birds I get from the country than I do the ones I rear at home. I think it is because they are kept clean and have a variety of insect food.

I have heard a great deal at this institute about dry feed and soft feed. I know I can take soft feed and partly hard feed, and I can raise chickens as fast as anybody I have ever seen. My chickens get soft feed not less than three times a day. You cannot raise a first-class chicken on hard food alone. You must feed soft food. I never water a chicken until I cannot help it, because it will do as well without water. When I see a chicken running and licking the dew on the grass I give them some water. My hens will go from May and June to August without any water, and they will stay with the chickens all the time they get soft food. I think diarrhoea is caused by too much water.

Q. What kind of soft feed do you give them?

A. I give them a little of everything. The first thing my chickens get is dry bread and hard boiled eggs; I am a regular old foggy that way. Then I give them a little oatmeal, and I use considerable of Spratt's Patent Food, and I use bran and shorts in equal parts.

Q. Do you use much grit?

A. Yes, I have tried my best for the last five years to feed all the grit I can. I make a practice of feeding grit with the soft food, and I feed the chickens from six to seven times a day, and generally give them as much as they will eat at any one time.

Q. How many chickens do you have in a flock?

A. I will raise from 150 to 200 in my place. I live in the city, and I have not more than half an acre, house and everything.

Q. How many old birds do you have there?

A. I suppose I have there now from 200 to 300. It is the way the birds are looked after, and the way they are cared for, that makes success. When I am home nobody can feed the poultry but myself, and I felt sorry to have to come down here, because I would rather be home with my birds.

I may say that when I started in the poultry business I did not own anything, but I have been very successful, and everything is flourishing. I started store-keeping, but I gave it up. We owe this College and the Ministers of Agriculture, particularly the Hon. John Dryden, a deep debt of gratitude. I have made all my money in the poultry business, and I can remember the time when it was up-hill work to go to a show. It was hard to get them to introduce a new variety. The Winter Fair and other fairs have helped us, and poultry are now booming, and I am glad to see so many here to-day taking an interest in the business.

Q. Do you scald the mash?

A. I used to but I do not now.

Q. How do you feed the boiled eggs?

A. I boil them up and fed them to the chickens.

Q. What proportion?

A. Just enough; I cannot tell you exactly. We do not give them eggs very largely.

Q. If you had a bird with a side sprig would you breed from it?

A. Yes; but I would take it off first.

Q. Would it throw birds that way then?

A. No, I do not think it would.

Mr. Graham: Mr. Oke is now going to judge a panr of Wyandote males, and I am going to ask him to score a Silver Pencilled Wyandotte cock bird. Mr. Oke tells me he is not a talker, but I want to tell you that he is one of the best judges of poultry of all varieties that we have got on the American Continent. (Applause.) I was at the New York Show, and several of the breeders and several poultry clubs made special requests that Mr. Oke should judge their varieties next year, and if you happen to go to the New York Show you will see the same thing. They all want Mr. Oke to be their judge. (Applause.)

Mr. Richard Oke: Talking is not my forte but I will try and give you my ideas on the different types of chickens. I do not expect to run up against a disqualified bird again after hearing our friend McNeill this afternoon. (Laughter and applause.)

In the first place I take the general symmetry of the bird. In the Wyandotte, the shape of the body should be short and compact, and you must take the length of the leg and thigh into consideration, and see that the bird is well proportioned throughout. This (illustrated) bird is what I call a very good type of Wyandotte.

Q. How does that type differ from a Rock?

A. A shorter bird altogether.

Q. How does an Orpington differ from a Wyandotte?

A. The Orpington has a longer length of back than the Wyandotte. In the majority of poultry the length of feather produces the shape and the type. Take a Cochin. If the feathers are not properly matured a Cochin will not look anything. It will look all angles, and when it matures it changes into curves. I do not think any man can produce a bird with the proper length of feather by using hard feed alone. You have got to feed soft food. On the general symmetry I would cut that bird one-half.

Q. Do you score that on general symmetry and color?

A. No, that is just the general outline of the bird. I do not believe in score cards. I do not think any man can score a bird to-day, and then score is again to-morrow, and make the same score. I know one of the score card men in the United States sold a bird and sent the score card with it, and that bird was scored at a show and it scored 5 points less. I would cut the comb one point on shape. If they ask me to judge at a show where they use score cards I always tell them to get somebody else to do it, because I do not believe in it.

There is a hollow in that comb and the spike is too wide. It is a very good type of comb, not too large. On wattles earlobes, I would cut it one-half. The shape of the neck is all right. For shape of wings, I would cut it one-half. He does not carry his wings properly, and I would cut him one on the shape of them, because he is a trifle narrow, and I would cut him one-half on the shape of tail. I would like to see it a little more fan shape.

The body and fluff are all right. On legs and toes I would cut him one. There is a bright tinge on the feathers and the black is not distinct enough. I would cut him one on that. On color I would cut the wing one, and back a half, the tail a half and the breast a half, body and fluff one. I like the type of this bird very well, but he fails in color.

Now take this White Wyandotte (illustrated). In my opinion there is no comparison between these two birds. The white bird is too long in the body, and I do not like the shape of his head. He hasn't got depth enough. He is about the right length of leg. He may improve, but he will never make as good a bird as the other.

Now, as to White Wyandotte hens. I consider the white bird is the better type of the two. The penciled one has not got the right type of back. She is a little short on the shank, and too low down in proportion to the size of the body, and there is a difference between the two birds in the length of feather.

Q. How near does that bird come to your ideal of the White Wyandotte?

A. I would want a better head and a better lobe, and I would cut that eye about half a point. It is a little like a Leghorn, and she is too narrow across the skull.

Q. Would she throw single comb birds if mated to a narrow comb cock-erel?

A. I do not think so.

Q. Don't you think a bird with a narrow head looks better than one with a broader head?

A. No, I think the bird would look better with a broader head.

Mr. Foley: In the Old Country they get a better length of feather by breeding early.

Mr. McNeil: When you hatch them late they do not get the same growth of feather as when they are bred early.

Q. If the bird had no white in the ear-lobe how far would she be behind the best four birds at the Madison Square Show?

A. You would have to put a little more in the skull. She is not quite as wide, but she is about the same type of hen.

(To be Continued.)

Swamped With Orders.

To The American Fancier:

Kindly cut out my large classified advertisement and just run the small one. I am swamped with orders. Have had to refuse some. Have had as high as eleven settings of my best eggs ordered in one mail. Please cut the ad out as soon as possible. Wishing you success with your bright, newsy paper, I remain,

Very truly yours,

ARTHUR BOUCK.

Frankfort, N. Y., April 20, 1906.

The Right Sort of Inquiries.

To The American Fancier:

We are getting a great many inquiries from our advertisement in The American Fancier and they are of the right sort and have several fine sales under way. We care more for this class of inquiries than those we receive by the dozen and which never amount to anything.

PRAGER & SHILLING.

Chicago, Ill., April 26, 1906.

Seems Good to Him.

To The American Fancier:

It seems good to get the Fancier in the good old way, and there is but one "American Fancier," and that is when "Drey" is the Editor. We hope that all the cranks in hedom will do their little bit to push a good thing along.

Yours truly,

PERMARTEL POULTRY YARDS,

H. G. Ruth, Mgr.

Olean, N. Y.

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Andalusian Fowl—L. C. Verry (English) 45 cents.

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The Incubator and Its Use—James Rankin. 25 cents.

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Pigeon Fancy, Flying and Pet Stock

EDITED BY H. M. POCKMAN

The time has come when the fancier of pigeons should begin to select his exhibition birds for the coming season. Give them your personal attention, see that they get plenty of fresh air, bath every other day and the best of old seasoned grain. The coming fairs will be the place for the beginners to test the strength of their loft. Taunton, Mass., Sept. 3-6. New York State Fair held at Syracuse, N. Y., Sept. 10-15. The Inter-State Fair held at Trenton, N. J. will have a large display of high quality stock.

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The outlook for a large and grand display of pigeons at the coming shows is most encouraging, and the competition in the young classes should be most interesting. Quality has improved wonderfully during the past few seasons in most varieties, but there are a few which need pushing, otherwise they will be compelled to compete in the A. O. V. classes. Most fanciers will have trouble in selecting birds properly through the moult for the early shows, but remember all are in the same boat. Seldom do we see pigeons properly feathered in September, but with a little care and attention they can be greatly improved.

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The pigeons at the New York State Fair will be judged by Wm. J. Stanton, and caged by the Empire Cooping Company. This combination should draw a most excellent entry.

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We understand that Mr. Oscar Rehe, of Chicago, is the secretary and treasurer of a new specialty club. The Western Owl and Turbit Club. These are two varieties of the Columbian tribe which certainly can stand pushing. So it is up to Mr. Rehe to do his part. There seems to be plenty of breeders of these two most fascinating varieties, and with a little life shown toward exhibiting, we should see far better entries at the shows, both in quality and numbers. Remember it is the shows that make the fancy, without them it is dead, so look up the dates and do your part.

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The only way to recruit the ranks of the pigeon fancy is in showing fine stock to the best advantage. Any bird of any variety well shown will attract the attention of some embryo fancier, and that means a new recruit. This is a pointer for all county and State fairs, for the latter are for the benefit of breeders and visitors, and not mere horse racing meets. Most fanciers who have the facilities have separated their breeders, the impression prevailing that better results are obtained when such action is taken.

CHANGING SQUABS.

This correspondence touches on a very interesting and often vital question to the breeder of valuable stock. I have frequently found it of the greatest benefit to change the squabs at all ages, but in the earlier stages they should be placed under parents that have soft food to feed with, or it spells disaster. Some birds go off the soft food much earlier than others. When I find a squab with hard corn in its crop at too early a period, if it is likely to prove of value, I promptly move it if there is a pair available, to birds with young ones half its age, if it is not too big. Occasionally a pair of birds whose eggs have failed to hatch will take to it, then from the additional supply of soft food the squab gets he will go right ahead in nine out of ten cases.

This proves the advantage of keeping a big stock breeding during the season. It gives a far greater scope for changing squabs of special value if things go wrong with the parents. As regards the soft food problem, when eggs are due to hatch, I have long come to the conclusion that it depends on the individual parents. Their state of health and surroundings have, without doubt, a lot to do with the matter.

Only this week-end I have a case in point. The last few weeks, through big matters, I have been unable to give the usual attention to the breeding stock. Going over the breeding quarters on Sunday morning I found a pair sitting whose eggs were due to hatch a week previous. Yet the parents were still sitting closely. The nest box adjoining contained a pair whose eggs were just hatching out, and two big young ones unable to feed themselves, one of which is very promising for the show pen. With a view to assisting the big young ones, I took away one of the bad eggs and put in its place the newly hatched youngster. Later in the day, finding things right, I placed the other newly hatched along with it. They are doing very well, and the old ones had soft food ready, although their time for hatching out was over a week past. The big young ones are still in the nest box, being looked after by their parents with a mixture of both soft and hard food.

I have also had cases where birds have left their eggs a few days off hatching, and finding them early in the evening and the eggs not absolutely cold, have placed them under birds with eggs not so important, but due to hatch several days later. The eggs have hatched out, and the young have been fed right away with the soft food with which it is claimed Nature herself provides. In such cases I think a great deal depends on the perspicacious instinct of the parents. A very

sensitive bird will, without doubt, recognize the first commencement of the squab to force its beak through the shell. This process often lasts twenty-four hours or more. The point is, knowing this, has the parent the power to hurry on or expedite the preparation of the soft food by refraining from solid corn, more or less?

I have not gone into the question thoroughly, but should not be surprised if it is so. I have often found the most critical time to be when the parents suddenly stop feeding the squaker, and unless hand feeding is resorted to a very serious check is put on the bird's progress toward moult. If the youngster promised to be a show bird, the check is the more serious, especially if wanted for the early shows. In years gone by I have lost some most promising birds from this cause, and not having time to feed them by hand, or not noticing the effect until the damage was done.

It is remarkably funny, I always think, that these mishaps generally fall on something we particularly want. A rotter simply won't go wrong! This year, for the first time, I have tried, and with extraordinary success, in rearing some of the advertised capsules, especially compounded for rearing squabs and squeakers. The first I tried them on was one about five weeks old. The parents had stopped feeding it, and from its appearance I quite thought it was doomed. I gave it a couple of the nutritive capsules over night, and looked him up early the next morning. I found him quite lively in comparison. I repeated the dose, morning and night, for a few days, when he very soon foraged for himself, and became the perkier youngster in the pen—he will very soon be fit to show.

I now keep a small tin box of these nutritive capsules in my pocket when going my rounds night and morning. They are just the right size for squabs, and where a quantity of birds are up breeding, and time is very limited for hand-feeding—pick-me-ups of this kind are invaluable, if good.

When I find a bird a bit seedy, or wanting, I just give one or two according to size of squab, and watch it for a day or two. So far this season, I have lost not a single youngster that I have had under treatment. I have had 90 pairs up breeding this time, and am well satisfied, so far, with the season's work. But in light, mottle Tippler breeding you must wait patiently, and keep your eye on the feeding trough to the very end—until they have moulted their last feather—before you may cry "Eureka!" The last few feathers far more often produce a howl of disappointment—but, I beg your pardon, sir, I have gone beyond squabs.

W. M. JEBB.

Unclean lofts, dirty water and feed are the most likely to cause canker. Probably more youngsters succumb to this dreaded disease than from any other cause. So be careful and keep your lofts in proper condition.

Mr. Alfred A. Stoutenburgh, of Hollis, Long Island, reports the loss of homer, "1151—I-T-1903," any information regarding same will be appreciated.

Soaked bread and red pepper is used by many fanciers at this time of the year with most excellent results.

THE PIGEON LOFT.

By W. Fellowes.

I have already alluded to the ill-advised plan of shutting up the birds too closely, and even the closing up of doors, windows, and ventilators, under the mistaken idea of keeping the birds extra warm, and by this means getting them through the moult more rapidly; and from the many cases of young ones going wrong just after a start has been made, and the particulars and symptoms described, I should say that the majority of those brought to my notice were in a great measure due to this cause. Kept thus closely confined in a heated and perhaps vitiated atmosphere for the greater part of the day, the birds themselves become heated and feverish, and when allowed out in the flight or exposed in any way to severe weather, they are most likely cold and develop roup—similar ailment, or, worse still, chill acts internally, inflammation is set up, or if the patient is inclined to consumption or of a consumptive stock, that disease becomes evident, and the bird is said to "go light," and dies. Where consumption has once got a hold the case is hopeless—at least, that has always been my experience; but where loss of flesh, or "going light," is brought about by inflammation of the stomach or intestines, I have, in the majority of cases, brought the bird round by dosing with a dozen drops of olive oil and one or two drops of chlorodyne. One chief difference in the symptoms of consumption and inflammation is that, in the former the case is often lingering, while in the latter the patient may be rapidly carrier off; while another distinction is that with the former the droppings are normal in character, but with the inflammation diarrhoea of a more or less violent character is always in evidence, and there also may be found contained in the excrement a jelly-like mass or streaks of blood, while the bird shows signs of feverishness, drinking copiously of cold water if allowed the opportunity, but eating scarcely anything. As soon as these symptoms are observed the bird should be removed from the loft, kept warm and quiet, and the oil and chlorodyne administered every four hours until the droppings assume a more healthy and consistent character. It is at this stage that the appetite may begin to return and that the strengthening process can be commenced by means of good, sound grain, consisting largely of the smaller nitrogenous grains at first, such as tares and lentils, with a little good wheat, and later on good maple p may be added. Where the fasting has been prolonged and the bird is extremely weak, something more easily digestible may be given with advantage at first, such as a little moistened biscuit food, and I have also used specially prepared oatmeal pellets. For these I have used the coarser kind of oatmeal, using with it enough of wheat flour to make it bind, and mixing it up with water and Parrish's syrup of phosphates until a kind of dough has been formed. This, in turn, I rolled out into long, thin strips, and cut off in lengths of about half an inch, placed them in the oven until they became slightly browned, and then kept them in a tin for further use. At the rallying stage, too, the use of a good tonic such as the one mentioned, and cod liver oil capsules, will in the majority of cases be most beneficial a

on the strengthening process. When, again, the bird has been at all out of condition, the weakness may be shown in the latter portion of the moult, and in the longer feathers, chiefly those of the flights and tail, by a curious development of the quill and shaft, and known respectively as blood and sheathed feathers. In the former the quill appears to be very soft and frail, and filled with blood well up the stem, even when the feathers are nearly full grown, while in the latter the whole length is enveloped in a filmy sheath. The danger attending blood feathers is that the frail walls of the quill may be ruptured and the blood released, thus causing discoloration of the plumage, but also further weakness by the loss of blood. This, however, is not the end of the trouble, for not only is that contained in the feather

lost, but fresh blood takes its place, only to follow in the outward flow, until quite a pool will be seen on the floor beneath and on the perch, if by chance the bird has managed to reach that resting place. The breakage is most likely to occur though the bird knocking ever so slightly against the edges of a perch, shelf, or any obstacle, or it may happen from the exertion of rising from the ground in flight, and particularly when the feathers are heavy with moisture, as after taking a bath. When this state of the feathers is observed the bird should be kept in a roomy but rather low pen, where it cannot use its wings in flying up, until the feathers are full grown, the extra blood has disappeared, and the walls have become more or less hard and solid. Both in this case and also in that of the sheathed feathers the use of strengthening food, a tonic, and cod liver oil will be found beneficial; and if in the latter there be no signs of the envelope bursting when the feather is full grown, the feathers should be held in front of the fire, and the sheath slit up with a knife or the finger nail, when the warmth will cause the webbing to unroll itself. The webbing of such feathers will be, as a rule, narrow, while in bad cases the weakness will be more clearly shown by a drooping of the whole wing instead of being carried closely folded and well above the tail. The feathers of the tail may be affected in a similar manner, especially in those varieties carrying an extra amount of feathering, such as Fantails. As to the length of time the moult should occupy, there may be some difference of opinion, and naturally so when it is taken into consideration that all varieties have not

the same amount of work to get through, and that those more sparingly feathered will not be so long over the process as those of more heavy and elaborate plumage. Periods ranging from two to three months have been given, but as a general thing I should say that the time, reckoned from the shedding of the first feather until the last flight feather is full grown, will be much nearer the latter date than the former. It may be that where the shorter time has been reckoned the growth at the earlier portion has been so gradual that the start has not been noticed, and that the period of moulting has been calculated from the time when the growth became apparent, while in all probability the start may have really occurred a fortnight or even longer before.

The best feeding diet for the moult be found in that most nearly approaching the one followed during the

breeding season. It should be of the best quality, plain but good, consisting mainly of the nitrogenous grains, such as maple peas, tares, and lentils, with about a fourth part of good, plump, well-seasoned wheat, and for the smaller breeds perhaps the addition of a little dari. Some fanciers are inclined to give rather freely of heating and stimulating grains, such as hemp, with the idea of forcing on the moult, and so it does so far as the casting of the feathers is concerned, and thus the body is left in an unprotected state, and renders the bird most susceptible to change of temperature, cold or draught, and prone to such complaints as have been already mentioned, and a stoppage in the growth of the new feathers. If any weakness or delay is observed, let the help be given in a different direction, that is by means of a cod liver oil capsule and a good tonic. These helps will give condition, aid a flagging appetite, and, by giving a better tone to the system generally, bring the weakening into a fitter state for commencing the moult, and carrying it through successfully. The oil is of further use in so much as it not only strengthens the body generally, but gives a stimulus to the growing feathers, rendering them more strong and supple, as well as making the growth more rapid. Such stimulants, however, have their use, for in very severe weather, when there is a stoppage in the moult, when the birds are mopy, or in cases of cold and other sickness, a little may be given with advantage, but it should be discontinued as soon as the weather becomes more favorable, or when the sickness has been mastered. In giving the food, although the supply should be liberal for each meal, yet the corn should not be allowed to lie about unprotected, and thus become contaminated by the droppings, but instead the supply should stop as soon as the appetite has been satisfied, while the water should be protected from contamination, and kept pure and sweet by frequent changes. A good supply of grit, old mortar, and salt should also be kept before the birds while the moult is in progress. One last warning, and that is to keep a watchful eye over the stock while the moult is in progress, and on the first sign of moping, disregard of food, or the slightest indication of a stoppage observed, let the patient be taken in hand at once and treated according to the different symptoms observed and the treatment suggested.—Feathered World.

HOPPER FEEDING.

In the June 30th issue of the American Fancier, Page 5, I read an article by J. F. Miller on Dry Feeding. I have made hoppers of different styles, and after trying my patience as well as the hopper, I find that in damp weather that all kinds of ground grain would clog. I made hoppers of good stock, some to hang on the side of the house, and no matter what I did, I had trouble with clogging, and the hens would scratch or pick over the kind of grain they wanted and would have a lot of it scattered on the ground, and would bruise their combs.

I took boxes and found that just after coming off the roost in the morning, they would pile the boxes heaping full. I tired out, and at last I took strawberry crates, and put a thin strip all around inside four inches wide or high when finished. If there was a crack in the bottom of the crate, I

nailed a shingle or thin board over it. I put these crates around in my yard near a drinking dish. These crates will feed from seven to sixteen hens or chicks at once, according to size and width of splints. I have had them out in some terrible showers and long storms, and what little water gets into one of them, does no harm. If the cover has a crack in it, anyone with brains can remedy that. In this kind of a feeder, you have a crate with cover on hinges with a clasp all for about five cents, and anyone with a little time, a few nails and thin pieces of boards, can have a good, cheap hopper, easy to clean, easy to fill, and can do away with so much crowding. One can make this crate hold more by making the strips higher, 6 inches being none too high for large fowl. If one can't get thin strips, he can use thin sheet iron. Give this crate hopper a trial. You can make over a dozen of these strawberry crates for less than you can buy one for that won't feed six ordinary hens. There is no Pat-en-Ted on this hopper. I take pleasure in giving the boys the instructions to make them. No doubt, these same hoppers are used by a great many, but I stumbled on to it myself, and after reading Mr. Hiller's experience, I thought of telling my way.

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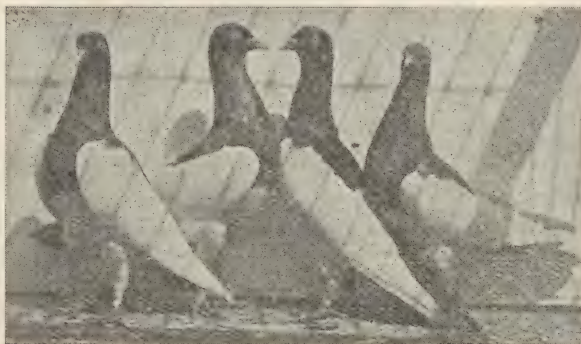
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Aug. 21-24, Wellsville, N. Y. A. S. Stillman, Alfred Outer, Supt. Poultry.

Aug. 21-24—Cortlandt, N. Y. Cortlandt County Agricultural Society, W. J. Greenman, Secretary.

August 21-24, Rockville, Md., G. O. Brown, A. E. Warner, Judges; Calvin Hicks, Superintendent.

August 21-24, Wellsville, N. Y. L. E. Hopkins, Secretary; A. S. Stillman, Supt. Poultry.

Sept. 3-6, Taunton, Mass., E. P. Washburne, Pigeon Judge and President.

Sept. 3-7, Columbus, Ohio, T. E. Orr, Judge; W. W. Miller, Secretary.

Sept. 3-8, Orangeburg, N. Y., J. F. Gilchrist, Secretary.

Sept. 11-13, Mercer, Pa. Mercer County Fair and Poultry Show. T. E. Orr, Judge; John P. Orr, Secretary.

Sept. 12, Altomont, Ill., Dr. A. W. Baker, Superintendent.

Sept. 17-21, Riverhead, N. Y., Harry Lee, Secretary.

Sept. 17-22, North Yakima, Wash. State Fair, G. A. Graham, Secretary; Harry H. Collier, Superintendent Poultry.

Sept. 17-23, White Plains, N. Y. Westchester County Agricultural Society, J. H. Drevenstedt, and W. J. Stanton, Judges; Fred Harries, Supt. Poultry.

Sept. 18-21, Allentown, Pa., The Allentown Fair; H. J. Schall, Secretary; W. Theo. Wittman, Supt.

Sept. 24-29, Mineola, N. Y., Robert Seaman, Supt. Poultry.

Sept. 24-29, Spokane, Wash. Inter-State Fair, Robt. H. Cosgrove, Secretary.

Sept. 25-28, Poughkeepsie, N. Y. Dutchess County Agricultural Society, T. C. Van Wyck, Superintendent Poultry.

Sept. 25-29, Spokane, Wash., Robert Cosgrove, Secretary; H. H. Collier, Supt.

Sept. 25-29, Trenton, N. J., Inter-State Fair, T. Farrer Rackham, Newark, N. J., Superintendent Poultry.

Sept. 28-Oct. 5, Springfield, Ill., W. C. Garrard, Secretary.

Sept. 29-Oct. 5, Sedalia, Mo., J. R. Rippey, Secretary.

October 2-5, Chatham, N. Y. Columbia County Agricultural Society, W. A. Dardess, Secretary.

Oct. 2-6, Puyallup, Wash., John Mills, Secretary; Harry H. Collier, Supt.

Oct. 8-13, Nashville, Tenn. Tennessee State Fair Poultry Show, J. Howard Sledd and R. E. Jones, Judges; John A. Murkin, Jr., Supt.

Oct. 9-12, Hagerstown, Md., Geo. O. Brown, J. H. Drevenstedt, D. A. Nichols, W. J. Stanton, J. F. Craige, Chas. McClave, W. C. Denny, W. G. Minich, Judges; W. F. Spahr, Secretary, Poultry Department.

Oct. 17-18, Girard, Ill., Heimlich, Judge; H. K. Young, Secretary.

Nov. 12-15, Garnett, Kans., Rhodes, Judge; Hattie A. Weld, Secretary.

Nov. 12-17—Houston, Tex., Hewey S. Fox, Jr., Secretary.

Nov. 12-17, San Jose, Cal. Santa Clara Valley Poultry and Pet Stock Association, E. Van Every, Secretary, Edenville, Cal.

Nov. 15-17, Wellman, Ia., Shellabarger, Judge; E. J. Coffey, Secretary.

Nov. 16-17, Manhattan, Kans., Chas. E. Smith, Secretary.

Nov. 19-24, Gloversville, N. Y. Fulton County Poultry and Pet Stock Club, Jacob H. Blunck, Sec'y, Johnstown, N. Y.

Nov. 20-23, Winfield, Ia., Shellabarger, Judge; Russell Canly, Secretary.

Nov. 21-23, West Haven, Conn. D. A. Nichols, D. J. Lambert, W. R. Graves, Judges; E. J. Crawford, Secretary.

Nov. 21-23, New London, Ill., Russell, Judge; F. L. Clanson, Secretary.

Nov. 21-24, Holton, Kans., Rhodes, Judge; T. A. Fairchilds, Secretary.

Nov. 22-24, Englewood, N. J. Lloyd M. Hallenbeck, Judge; Henry Cundell, Supt. Poultry.

Nov. 22-24, Englewood, N. J., N. R. Pendergast, Secretary.

Nov. 26-30, Cedar Rapids, Ia., Shellabarger, Judge; S. G. Smith, Secretary.

Nov. 26, Dec. 1, Dallastown, Pa. York County Fanciers' Association, G. O. Brown, Judge; Jacob Eberly, Sec'y.

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Nov. 27-30, 1906. Corfu Fanciers' Club, Corfu, N. Y. W. F. Brace, Judge; Chas. Phelps, Secretary.

Nov. 27-30, Carthage, Mo., Rhodes, Judge; C. A. Emry, Secretary.

Nov. 27-Dec. 1, York, Pa. C. T. Cornman, William G. Minich, Judges; J. N. Lovett, Secretary.

Nov. 28-30, Fairfield, Ill., Russell, Judge; J. R. McElldrey, Secretary.

Nov. 29-Dec. 1, Vienna, Ill., Heimlich, Judge; Chas. M. Pichens, Secretary.

Nov. 28-Dec. 2, Moline, Ill., Shellabarger, Judge.

Dec. 3-5, Brookfield, Mo., Rhodes, Judge; J. S. Hill, Secretary.

Dec. 3-6, Ravenwood, Mo., Russell, Judge; Robt. Larmer, Secretary.

Dec. 3-7, Mason City, Ia., M. V. Bicker, Secretary.

Dec. 3-7, Ellicottville, N. Y., Geo. W. Webb, Judge; William Green, Secretary.

Dec. 3-8, Rolfe, Ia., Heimlich, Judge; Marion Bruce, Secretary.

Dec. 3-9, San Francisco, Cal. California Poultry Association, J. C. Williams, Secretary, Fruitvale, Cal.

Dec. 4, Youngstown, Ohio, T. E. Orr, Judge; W. H. Crossler, Secretary.

Dec. 4-5, Jackson, Mich., F. W. Travis and S. Butterfield, Judges; C. W. Kroosz, Secretary.

Dec. 4-7, Holyoke, Mass., George Barnett, Jr., Secretary.

Dec. 4-7, Philmont, N. Y. D. A. Nichols, Judge; G. J. Anderson, Secretary.

Dec. 4-7, Humeston, Ia., Shellabarger, Judge; Geo. King, Secretary.

Dec. 4-7, Mt. Sterling, Ill., Meyers, Judge; Eugene Hambaugh, Secretary.

Dec. 4-8, Paterson, N. J., J. Frost, Secretary.

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Dec. 4-8—Wilkes Barre, Pa., David T. Miller, Secretary.

Dec. 4-8—Providence, R. I., Rhode Island Poultry Association, W. I. Brown, Secretary, 6 Exchange Place.

Dec. 4-8, Anadarko, Oklahoma Territory, Fite, Judge; Pfaff, Secretary.

Dec. 5-8, Grand Rapids, Wis. Grand Rapids Poultry Association; B. G. Eggert, Secretary; Frank Heck, Judge.

Dec. 5-8, Danbury, Conn. Western Connecticut Poultry Association, Charles H. Brundage, Secretary; Judges, J. H. Drevenstedt, T. F. McGrew, Hon. David Nichols and W. H. Card.

Dec. 5-8, Ellensburg, Wash., Harry H. Collier, Judge; Mrs. S. F. Montgomery, Secretary.

Dec. 5-10, Birmingham, Ala., McClave, Sites, Judges; Klwyn Ballard, Secretary.

Dec. 6-8, Villisca, Ia., Russell, Judge; F. M. Childs, Secretary.

Dec. 6-8, Fulton, Mo., Rhodes, Judge; D. W. Whanger, Secretary.

Dec. 6-9—Danbury, Conn., C. H. Brundage, Secretary.

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Dec. 10-15, Great Bend, Kans., Fite, Judge; J. A. Lessemann, Secretary.

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Dec. 11, Warren, Ohio, T. E. Orr, Judge; Wm. G. Baldwin, Secretary.

Dec. 11-14, Lewistown, Mo. Lewistown Poultry Association; A. O. Brooking, Secretary, La Belle, Mo.; Frank Heck, Judge.

Dec. 11-14, Winsted, Conn. F. D. Hallet, Secretary.

Dec. 11-14, Quincy, Ill., Lane, Judge; A. E. Rogers, Secretary.

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Dec. 11-15, Cary, Ohio, George H. Burgett, Judge; Geo. Wolfrene, Secretary.

Dec. 11-16, Tacoma, Wash., Henry Berar and Harry H. Collier, Judges; Mrs. C. A. Pratt, Secretary.

Dec. 12-14—Kingston, N. Y., F. E. Miller, Secretary, Rifton, N. Y.

Dec. 12-15, Suringfield, Mass. W. R. Graves, Sec'y.

Dec. 12-16—Coriscana, Tex., W. E. Elliott, Secretary, Box 281.

Dec. 12-15, Fresno, Cal. Fresno Poultry, Pigeon and Pet Stock Association, George R. Andrews, Secretary.

Dec. 12-15, Stoughton, Wis. Stoughton Poultry Association; Sylvanus Ames, Secretary; Frank Heck, Judge.

Dec. 12-15, St. Mary's, Ohio. Wick Hathaway, Judge; F. F. Aschbacher, Secretary.

Dec. 12-15, Princeton, Ill. Charles McClave and J. M. Rapp, Judges; Frank R. Bryant, Sec'y.

Dec. 14-19, Charleston, S. C. G. O. Brown and F. J. Marshall, Judges; T. J. McCarty, Secretary.

Dec. 17-20, Clarinda, Ia., Rhodes, Judge; John Lagerquisk, Secretary.

Dec. 17-21, Mound City, Mo., Russell, Judge; W. H. Weightman, Secretary.

Dec. 17-21, Pierce City, Mo., Emry, Judge; Thomas Carlin, Secretary.

Dec. 17-22, North Yakima, Wash., W. C. Denny, Judge; S. H. Schreiner, Secretary.

Dec. 17-22, Sullivan, Ill., Lane, Judge; D. W. Duncan, Secretary.

Dec. 18, McConnellsville, Ohio, T. E. Orr, Judge; G. M. Foster, Secretary.

Dec. 18-21, Geneva, Ohio. R. H. Munger, Secretary.

Dec. 18-21, Greenfield, Ia., Shellabarger, Judge; Mrs. S. E. Alley, Secretary.

Dec. 18-21, Jacksonville, Ill., Heimlich, Judge; Ralph Dunlap, Secretary.

Dec. 18-22, Ponce City, Oklahoma Ter., Fite, Judge; Flem. Smith, Secretary.

Dec. 19-21, Rutherford, N. J., E. J. Irwin, Secretary.

Dec. 19-22, Holland, Mich. Holland Poultry and Pet Stock Association; L. S. Sprietsma, Secretary; Frank Heck, Judge.

Dec. 19-22, Mohnsville, Pa. Wyomissing Poultry Association; George W. Hatt, Secretary, Mohn's Store, Pa.; Charles T. Cornman, Judge.

Dec. 20-22, Rutherford, N. J. D. A. Nichols, H. W. Smith, F. H. Castner, and H. M. Pockman, Judges; E. J. Irwin, Sec'y.

Dec. 20-22, Wenatchee, Wash., Harry H. Collier, Judge; John N. Johnson, Secretary.

Dec. 20-22, Savannah, Mo., Rhodes, Judge; S. C. Schmitt, Secretary.

Dec. 24-28, Walden, N. Y. D. A. Nichols, Judge; Chas. A. Dawson, Sec'y.

Dec. 24-26, Elgin, Ill., Shellabarger, Judge; M. E. Meredith, Secretary.

Dec. 24-26, Forrest, Ill., Heimlich, Judge; C. C. Johnson, Secretary.

Dec. 24-29, Oakland, Ill., Lane, Judge; O. L. Minter, Secretary.

Dec. 24-29, Oskaloosa, Ia., Shellabarger and Russell, Judges; J. R. Hoover, Sec.

Dec. 25-28, Kalamazoo, Mich., James A. Fucher, Judge; F. A. Hoag, Secretary.

Dec. 25-28, Alleghany, Pa., E. Sites, Judge; Chas. Fuller, Secretary.

Dec. 25-29, Beatrice, Neb., Fite, Judge; Frank E. Lenhart, Secretary.

Dec. 25-29, Lititz, Pa. C. T. Cormman and W. Theo. Wittman, Judges; J. W. Bruckhart, Sec'y.

Dec. 25-30, Lititz, Pa. Cormman and W. Theo. Wittman, Judges; J. W. Buckart, Sec'y.

Dec. 26, Shelby, Ohio, T. E. Orr, Judge; W. O. Smith, Secretary.

Dec. 26-29, East Greenville, Pa. Geo. W. Webb and F. H. Castner, Judges; C. A. Mack, Peinnsburgh, Pa., Sec'y.

Dec. 26-29, Macomb, Ill., Heimlich, J. A. McFatch, Secretary.

Dec. 27-29, Spicard, Mo., Leon A. Tracy, Secretary.

Dec. 29-Jan. 2, Meriden, Conn., D. A. Nichols, W. N. Card and D. J. Lambert, Judges; W. W. Slets, Secretary.

Dec. 31, Kokoma, Ind., Lane, Judge.

Dec. 31-Jan. 2, Gordonsville, Mo., Heimlich, Judge; E. W. Hink, Secretary.

Dec. 31-Jan. 4, Jackson, Mo., Rhodes, Judge; Chas. Behrans, Secretary.

Dec. 31-Jan. 5, Lansing, Mich., J. A. Tucker, Judge; J. A. Turner, Secretary.

Dec. 31, Jan. 5, Greenfield, Mass. D. J. Lambert, Judge; Lee W. Devoss, Sec'y.

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Jan. 1, Leipsic, Ohio, T. E. Orr, Judge; H. S. Enck, Secretary.

Jan. 1-4, Lima, Ohio. C. E. Cram and J. E. Gault, Judges; Edw. Heiser, Sec'y.

Jan. 1-5, Madison Square, New York City, H. V. Crawford, Secretary.

Jan. 1-5, 1907, Elgin, Ill. F. H. Shellabarger, Judge; Winfield W. Britton, Sec'y.

Jan. 2-5, South Bend, Wash., Harry H. Collier, Judge; F. M. Heath, Secretary.

Jan. 2-5, Bedford, Ia., Russell, Judge; D. C. Moehler, Secretary.

Jan. 4, Goshen, Ind., T. E. Orr, Judge; Will H. Schadt, Secretary.

Jan. 6-11, Bradford, Pa. E. L. Lyons, Sec'y.

Jan. 7, Auburn, N. Y., T. E. Orr, Judge; J. H. Scott, Secretary.

Jan. 7-11, Aurora, Ill. Aurora Poultry Association; Walter M. Smith, Secretary; Frank Heck, Judge.

Jan. 7-11, Denver, Colo., Heimlich, Judge; G. W. Veditz, Secretary.

Jan. 7-12, Auburn, N. Y. Annual meeting of American Poultry Association with Auburn Fanciers' Association. J. H. Scott, Secretary.

Jan. 7-12, Normal, Ill., Pierce, McClave, Tucker, Fite and Heyl, Judges; A. L. Moore, Secretary.

Jan. 7-12, Topeka, Kans., Heimlich, Judge; D. M. Owen, Secretary.

Jan. 8-10, Lenox, Mass. Honest "Dave" and Shaylor, Judges; L. H. Peters, Secretary.

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Jan. 8-11, Middletown, Conn. Graves and Bunnell, Judges; Arthur L. Clark, Secretary.

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Jan. 9-12, Alameda, Cal. Alameda County Poultry Association, C. G. Hinds, Secretary.

Jan. 9-12, Tiffin, Ohio. Chas. McClave, Judge; V. Crabtree, Secretary.

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Jan. 9-13, Sharon, Pa. H. A. Emmel and A. F. Kummer, Judges; John S. Leslie, Secretary.

Jan. 9-15, Detroit, Mich., Richard Oke, H. P. Schwab and S. Butterfield, Judges; T. F. Millspaugh, Secretary.

Jan. 14-18, Chas. E. Cram, Judge; N. H. Blecker, Secretary.

Jan. 14-19, Charlotte, N. C. G. O. Brown, Judge; W. B. Alexander, Sec'y.

Jan. 14-19, Nashville, Tenn. Tennessee State Poultry Breeders Association, W. C. Denny, F. J. Marshall and C. N. Hausen, Judges; Jno. A. Murkin, Jr., Sec'y.

Jan. 14-19, Lincoln, Neb., Russell, Rhodes and Shellabarger, Judges; L. P. Ludden, Secretary.

Jan. 14-19, Blackwell, Oklahoma Ter., Fite, Judge; Geo. Carson, Secretary.

Jan. 14-19, Rochester, N. Y. George J. Keller, Sec'y.

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Jan. 14-21, Cleveland, Ohio. Ohio Fanciers' Club, Dr. W. H. Hunniston, Sec'y.

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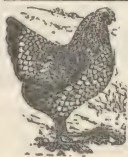
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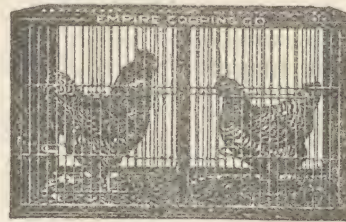


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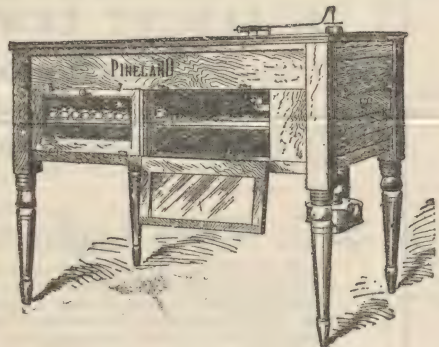
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